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Davis Man Who Killed Child Sentenced to Life in Prison

(Woodland, CA) – January 31, 2017 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that this morning Yolo County Superior Court Judge Paul Richardson sentenced 24-year-old Davis man Darnell Deangelo Dorsey to 50 years-to-life in state prison for killing his girlfriend’s 19 month old son.

On January 22, 2014, Dorsey was at home caring for his three year old son and 19 month old Cameron. Dorsey’s girlfriend, the mother of both boys, had gone to a local gym. When the mother returned home approximately 40 minutes later, Cameron was unconscious and not breathing. Cameron was taken to Sutter Davis Hospital and later transferred to UC Davis Medical Center, the only pediatric trauma center in the region. Cameron died on January 25, 2014, as a result of severe traumatic brain injury due to blunt force trauma. The doctors who treated Cameron immediately recognized that his injuries, including a subdural hematoma, retinal hemorrhages, a lacerated liver, lung contusions, and 18 rib fractures in varying stages of healing, were likely the result of severe child abuse. The jury heard over six weeks of testimony, including testimony from several doctors, nurses, child abuse experts and pathologists who concluded that Cameron died from blunt force trauma to his head and body that was inflicted while he was in Dorsey’s care.

Deputy District Attorney Michelle Serafin said “The entire Yolo County prosecution team is very pleased with Judge Richardson’s sentence. This case has had a profound impact on all of us. We will always remember Cameron’s smile and his family.

Cameron’s father spoke passionately to Judge Richardson saying “I owe the jury my life. I’ve fought for three years for this.” Cameron’s aunt Janay Eustace said “Cameron did not die in vain and education will come from this.”

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig added “We will never be able to ease the pain and trauma suffered by Cameron and his family. The Jury’s verdict and Judge’s sentence will bring some small sense of closure to this shockingly brutal and sad case.”

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