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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia J. Zimmer announced a verdict in a significant homicide case today.

On September 3, 2019, a Kern County jury found Daniel Mckie guilty of one count of second-degree murder as well as a charge of felony assault causing the death of a child under 8 years old.

On the afternoon of February 26, 2017, Deputies with the Kern County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a residence in Tehachapi regarding an unresponsive 4-month-old child, Anakin McKie. Responding Deputies and medical personnel determined that Anakin had died before their arrival, and Anakin had signs of trauma to the head, triggering a homicide investigation. The investigation revealed that Daniel Mckie had killed Anakin by violent shaking and blunt force impact to the head.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented that "Children are society's most vulnerable members, and those entrusted with their care have a responsibility to ensure that they are not harmed. When a caretaker violates that trust by intentionally injuring a child and causing its death, we stand ready to hold them accountable for their crimes."

McKie's sentencing is scheduled for October 1, where he faces a punishment of 25 years-to-life in prison for the murder and assault upon Anakin. Deputy District Attorney David Wilson prosecuted the case under case number BF 167562A.

Daniel McKie:

