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On September 28, 2017, a Jackson County jury returned an unanimous guilty verdict in State v. Petey Henthorne on a count of Assault in the First Degree and Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree following a four day trial in the courtroom of the Honorable Judge David Hoppe. This trial followed a trial held in April 2017 which resulted in a hung jury.

Sentencing occurred right after the verdict was received and Judge Hoppe sentenced the defendant to 90 months in prison.

On March 24, 2015, the defendant was left alone to care for the one year old victim who had been placed in the care of defendant and his significant other by the Department of Human Services on March 7, 2015. At 3:56 that afternoon he sent a text message to his significant other that the baby had taken a nasty fall from the bed and had been acting like a “veggie” baby. His partner did not place a call to 911 until 6:08 pm.

The one year old was life flighted to Doernboecher’s Children’s Hospital in Portland, Oregon where the doctor found the child to have the following injuries:

- swollen neck and throat with bruising and abrasions to his neck which caused the baby to suffer a stroke after arrival at the hospital from having been strangled.
- a subdural hematoma and bilateral retinal hemorrhages from having suffered abusive head trauma
- pattern injuries to his scalp and face from being struck with something
- an adult bite mark to the left side of his face
- five fresh posterior rib fractures caused from compression to his rib cage
- a bruised penis and scrotum
- a liver contusion and elevated enzyme levels caused by multiple blow to his body
- a scalp hematoma
- bruising to multiple planes of his body including the inside of his ears

The doctors concluded that these injuries were not consistent from a fall from a bed but rather from abuse that had been inflicted upon him. Henthorne was arrested by Detective Kirk Cromwell from the Medford Police Department after a five month investigation.

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