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Mother Sentenced to Time Served in Son's Death

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) - A Leavenworth woman whose conviction for involuntary manslaughter was overturned pleaded no contest to a lesser charge and was sentenced to time served.

Thirty-one-year-old Monica F. Rivera spent 28 months in prison while appealing her conviction for involuntary manslaughter and endangering a child in the 2009 death of her 4-year-old son.

The boy died of blunt force trauma while he was being cared for by Rivera's boyfriend, Jason L. Jones.

The Leavenworth Daily Times reports Rivera pleaded no contest Friday to aggravated endangering a child and was sentenced to time served.

The Kansas Court of Appeals ordered a new trial after finding errors in jury instructions during Rivera's 2010 trial.

Jones is serving more than 38 years in prison for second-degree murder in the boy's death.

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