

Lykins sentenced to 90 years for role in death of 8-month old

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Part of the door in the case of the death of 8-month-old Leelan Crain was closed last Tuesday in Washington Circuit Court when Judge Larry Medlock sentenced Jamie Lykins.

Lykins received sentences of 50 years for battery resulting in death, which is a Class A felony and 40 years for neglect resulting in death, also a Class A felony.

“I believe the Judge’s decision is correct,” said Washington County Prosecutor Dustin Houchin. “It is the maximum sentence, and it is what we requested and hoped to obtain. It’s as much justice as our legal system can bring to the situation. Of course, nothing is adequate.”

Lykins admitted to his part in the death of 8-month-old Leelan Crain when he pled guilty to the charges.

Charges are still pending against the mother, Casey Crain, for her alleged role in the death.

Crain is being charged with Battery resulting in death.

In Indiana, a Class A felony carries a sentence between 20-50 years.

Police arrested Lykins and charged him in Septemeber of 2013.

In the evening hours of Saturday, Sept. 7, Leelan Crain, eight months old from Salem, was found unresponsive by his mother, Casey while Leelan was taking a nap. Leelan’s mother and her boyfriend took Leelan to the St. Vincent’s Hospital in Salem by personal vehicle.

Once at the hospital in Salem, Leelan was transported to the Kosair Children’s Hospital in

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Louisville, KY by air ambulance. He was pronounced dead at approximately 1:41 a.m.

An autopsy was performed that morning on Leelan Crain at the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office in Louisville. The autopsy preliminarily determined the cause of death as blunt force trauma to the head.

Casey Crain was arrested and charged a short-time later and is scheduled to go to trial on Dec. 2, 2014.