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## Jury Convicts Kimball County Man in Child Death Case

**Note: A sound bite on this topic will be available shortly at: [www.ago.ne.gov](http://www.ago.ne.gov)**

(Lincoln, Neb) Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that Jeremy Erickson, 24, of Kimball County was convicted of child abuse that resulted in the death of his 15-month-old son, Tristen.

“The sad truth is Tristen died from injuries inflicted by his own father. Today’s guilty verdict ensures Erickson will be held accountable for his deplorable actions.”

Erickson was taking care of Tristen when an ambulance was called to the home. Emergency responders found the child in distress and unresponsive. He died two days later. An autopsy determined the cause of death was multiple blunt force trauma to the head and neck. Autopsy results showed Tristen had a complex skull fracture, spinal cord and nerve injury, brain injury from a lack of oxygen, retinal hemorrhaging and multiple bruises on his head, neck and back.

Intentionally committing child abuse resulting in death is a class IB felony. Erickson faces 20 years to life in prison. His sentencing will be Oct. 21 at noon in Kimball County District Court.

Assistant Attorney General Doug Warner and Kimball County Attorney David Wilson handled the case.

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