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MAN SENTENCED IN SHOOTING OF 2-YEAR-OLD

A man accused of shooting and killing a 2-year-old boy in 2008 has been sentenced to the maximum sentence allowed under the guilty plea agreement in connection with the case today.

Earl Ryan (dob: 06-15-68) pleaded guilty in March to *child abuse resulting in death* (F3) and *second-degree assault* (F4). He was sentenced today to 28 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections by Denver District Court Judge Brian Whitney. The sentence reflects 16 years for the death of 2-year-old Noah Crookham and 12 years for the wounding of Noah's father, Tom Crookham. The Court also ordered Ryan to pay \$16,146.23 in restitution to reimburse the Victim Compensation fund.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Michelle Amico and Deputy District Attorney Simone Montoya. When asking for the maximum sentence of 28 years, Chief Deputy DA Amico noted that the case was not about Ryan's character, but about the actions that he chose that led to the shooting on the morning of October 12, 2008.

Ryan was remanded into the custody of the Colorado Department of Corrections and was taken from the courtroom in handcuffs to begin serving his sentence.