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WOMAN SENTENCED IN DEATH OF BABY

A woman who pleaded guilty earlier in connection with the death of a 10-month-old baby last year was sentenced today to 4 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

Frances Garcia (dob: 03-23-88) pleaded guilty earlier to *child abuse negligently causing death* (F3).

On August 5, 2011, 10-month-old Adam Gonzales was found dead in his home in the 800 block of Tennyson Street. The charges allege that after wrapping the victim tightly in a blanket, Garcia placed him in a closet with a propped up bottle and then covered him with a blanket.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Kerri Lombardi argued for the maximum possible sentence of 12 years in prison; defense counsel for Garcia argued for probation.

Garcia was given the minimum possible sentence of 4 years, and will be given credit for the 462 days she has already served.

The child's mother, **Amanda Lujan** (dob: 02-28-87) pleaded guilty earlier to *accessory to child abuse resulting in death* (F4) and is scheduled to be sentenced on December 6, 2012.