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## CASE OF INTEREST

### **Defendants Convicted for Murder and Abuse of 22-Month-Old Victims**

**DATE:** May 7, 2019

**CASE:** Taylor Montgomery-Gutzman & Rebecca Thomas (Case #16FE022095)

**PROSECUTOR:** Supervising Deputy District Attorney Chris Ore, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

Taylor Montgomery-Gutzman and Rebecca Thomas were convicted by a jury of the second-degree murder of 22-month-old Kash Thomas, and felony child abuse involving Kash's 22-month-old twin brother. Montgomery-Gutzman was also found guilty of assault on a child causing death.

On October 13, 2016, Taylor Montgomery-Gutzman strangled Kash Thomas to death. Rebecca Thomas, the children's mother, had seen injuries on her children prior to the murder, but nonetheless left the 22-month-old twins in Montgomery-Gutzman's care. Thomas had been told to seek medical attention for both children, but she failed to do so.

Montgomery-Gutzman faces a maximum sentence of 31 years to life in prison. Thomas faces a maximum sentence of 21 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for July 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 42 of the Sacramento Superior Court.