

Herrin appeals conviction for daughter's death

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New attorney appointed

A 29-year-old Gothenburg woman, found guilty of manslaughter last August, is appealing her conviction.

In October, Doris Herrin was sentenced to serve 18 to 20 years at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York for the death of her 3-year-old daughter, Misty Herrin.

Herrin's attorney leading up to and during her trial and sentencing, Jeff Wightman of Lexington, was allowed to withdraw from the case.

On Nov. 1, Brian Davis of Cozad was appointed to represent Doris, court officials said.

Herrin and her boyfriend at the time, Adam Jesseph of Gothenburg, were charged with felony child abuse after Misty underwent surgery for a brain injury and later died from hemorrhaging.

During the trial, the prosecution argued that Misty was shaken and had suffered blows to her head.

Felony child abuse charges against Jesseph were later dropped after Dawson County attorney Elizabeth Waterman decided the case was not winnable.