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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Connie Marie Escamilla and
Kylie Mykaela Ann Beasley
Child Abuse Murder Convictions and Sentencing

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Connie Marie Escamilla, age 29, and Kylie Mykaela Ann Beasley, age 25, were both sentenced last week to serve life in prison for the 2017 death of Escamilla's 3-year-old son, Gilbert. Deputy District Attorney Erin Schwartz prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On March 1, 2017, law enforcement and rescue personnel were called to the defendants' home in Modesto on a report that a child was not breathing. They found 3-year-old Gilbert unresponsive and immediately transported him to Doctor's Medical Center. Hospital personnel documented extensive physical injuries to the toddler including severe burn marks on his legs, bruising and abrasions over his entire body and various fractures. They also diagnosed internal damage consisting of bleeding on the brain, a bruised lung and bruised liver. Gilbert was flown to Valley Children's Hospital in Madera for further treatment but died the next day.

During separate interviews of Escamilla and Beasley, both claimed Gilbert sustained some of the injuries during a car accident. When investigators pressed them for specifics, each was inconsistent with the other as to when this had occurred and there were no law enforcement or other records of any such accident. The pair further blamed his severe leg burns on hot water spilling him on, but doctors determined that could not have caused the injuries they saw. Additional excuses included falling off his bed, blaming an unknown male whom law enforcement was never able to locate and negligence by the medical professionals who administered CPR to the unresponsive child. When told that Gilbert had died, both Escamilla and Beasley admitted to being untruthful and blamed the other for the child's injuries and death. They were both arrested and charged with Gilbert's murder.

On December 16, 2021, Escamilla and Beasley each pled guilty to one count of second degree murder and one count of torture and waived two years of earned custody credits.

On March 9, 2022, both were sentenced by Judge Linda McFadden to serve 15 years to life for the murder charge plus an additional seven years for the torture count to run consecutively for a total term of 22 years-to-life in state prison.

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