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AURORA MAN GETS 35-YEAR SENTENCE FOR SHAKING INFANT TO DEATH IN 2004

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An Aurora man has been sentenced to 35 years in prison for shaking his infant son to death.

Noel Quevedo, 32 (d.o.b. 4-7-1980), last known address of the 800 block of Iowa Avenue, Aurora, was sentenced late Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, by Associate Judge James C. Hallock to 35 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On Aug. 31, 2007, Quevedo was convicted by Circuit Judge Grant S. Wegner of first-degree murder in the 2004 death of his 8-month-old son, Alex. Quevedo had waived his right to a jury trial.

On March 1, 2004, Quevedo became agitated that his infant son, Alex, would not stop crying. Quevedo admitted to authorities that he shook the baby seven times. As a result of the shaking, Alex suffered cardiac arrest and severe brain hemorrhaging, which caused his brain to stop functioning and ultimately led to his death.

On Jan. 25, 2008, Quevedo was sentenced to natural life in prison.

However, Quevedo appealed the sentence to a higher court, and in January 2010 the Appellate Court of Illinois, Second District, ruled that the statute that had made the life sentence mandatory had been declared unconstitutional. The appellate court sent the case back to Kane County for resentencing.

According to Illinois law, Quevedo must serve the full sentence. Quevedo was given credit for time served in custody since his arrest in March 2004.

"It is important to not lose sight of the severity of the Mr. Quevedo's actions, and the fact that the person that little Alex trusted would protect him instead defied that trust. This sentence recognizes the egregious and deplorable nature of this defendant's actions," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.