

Woman pleads to charges in infant death

**(KAIR)--A Leavenworth woman has pleaded guilty to charges in the 2018 death of her 19-month son.**

**According to a news release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, 32-year-old Catherine Smith pleaded guilty Friday to amended charges of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated endangering a child and interference with a law enforcement officer.**

**She had originally been charged with second-degree murder, and a jury trial had been scheduled for January 21.**

**Police were sent to Smith's house on Nov. 29, 2018, and found the baby not breathing. The baby died a few minutes later at a hospital.**

**Thompson said the child had a temperature of 105 degrees, and a coroner said the baby likely died of hyperthermia.**

**Police said the child was found in the upstairs room where the temperature was close to 100 degrees, even though thermostat downstairs had been set at 75 degrees.**

**Sentencing is set for February 28.**

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