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MULVEY FOUND GUILTY OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND ENDANGERING CHILDREN

TOLEDO, Ohio – Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates announced that a Lucas County jury found Joshua Mulvey, 29, guilty May 15, 2026, of the following charges:

- Count 1: Involuntary manslaughter
- Count 2: Endangering children

On June 2, 2023, the Toledo Police Department received information about a deceased child inside a home at 1728 Freeman St. in Toledo. Detectives found Kristopher Snyder, a 7-year-old with special needs, deceased and alone in a playpen. He was extremely emaciated, had pale skin and weighed 19 pounds at the time of his death.

Mulvey lived in the home with Snyder's mother, Samantha Hardiman. Mulvey and Hardiman had been in a relationship since Kristopher was 2 years old, and the two share another child.

Investigators determined Kristopher's last in-person medical appointment occurred in 2019.

"While one parent may take on primary parental duties, that does not mean another person in a parental role does not have responsibilities," Bates said. "All he had to do was help, and he chose to do nothing. We appreciate the jury's service in this case, and we hope this decision brings a measure of peace to Kristopher's family."

Kristopher's mother, Samantha Hardiman, previously pleaded guilty to murder March 13, 2026. Judge Joseph McNamara sentenced her to 15 years to life in prison.

Sentencing for Mulvey is set for May 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 9 of the Lucas County Courthouse.

Chief of the Criminal Division Jennifer Liptack-Sutphin and assistant prosecutor Samantha Crist led the prosecution.

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