

Did Bryant Arroyo kill baby Jordan Anthony Shenk, as alleged by the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania?

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Abstract

Bryant Arroyo was arrested in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on September 26, 1994 in connection with baby Jordan Anthony Shenk's death. On May 10, 1995, he was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. The medical examiner testified at Arroyo's preliminary hearing and trial that Jordan was killed by blunt trauma to the chest and abdomen, and that the manner of death was homicide. My investigation of this case clearly showed that Jordan died as a result of serious illnesses that led to his cardiac arrest and bleedings on September 25, 1994. He had brain disease (spongiosis of the cerebral cortex and white matter, and focal Purkinje cell dropout in the cerebellum); aspiration pneumonitis; sepsis; inflammation of the liver, gallbladder, and the mesentery; thymus atrophy; and weight loss. These lesions and symptoms have been reported in children with propionic acidemia and other metabolic problems involving branched amino acids. The baby's symptoms and lesions indicate that he probably suffered from genetic illness that led to the development of propionic acidemia and his death. The government and the medical authority in the State of Pennsylvania should evaluate the medical evidence that shows Bryant Arroyo was falsely accused and unjustly convicted of killing Jordan Anthony Shenk because the factual causes of illness and death in this case were not revealed to the jury. I believe that Bryant should be released from prison immediately and compensated for his pain and suffering and time wrongly spent in prison.

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