

# Defendants Sentenced for Abusing 2-Year-Old Boy



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*Semper Justitia*

**DATE:** June 8, 2022

**CASE:** Yanik Kryshnal & Laura Freitas (Case #20FE018266)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Aarseth, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

The Honorable Shelleyanne Chang sentenced Yanik Kryshnal to 12 years and 8 months in prison. Laura Freitas was sentenced to 180 days county jail and 4 years formal probation. On April 8, 2022, Kryshnal pled to three counts of felony child abuse and admitted to personally inflicting great bodily injury. Freitas pled to one count of felony child abuse.

On June 13, 2020, a 2-year-old boy was taken to the hospital with numerous bruises all over his body. A CT scan confirmed he suffered blunt force trauma and had fluid around his pancreas, healed linear scars, burns on his leg, injuries inside his mouth, skin abrasions and burns on his hands. Child abuse doctors opined the injuries were not accidental. Witnesses confirmed Kryshnal hit and kicked the victim, sometimes using a belt or dog leash. Kryshnal also locked the victim in dog crates as a form of discipline, and on at least one occasion had the victim sleep outside in a dog crate overnight. Kryshnal tied the victim's arms or legs to door knobs and crib railings with handcuffs, dog leashes and necklaces. Freitas was aware of the abuse and also put the victim in dog crates as a form of punishment. Sacramento County sheriff's detectives found that Kryshnal also poured boiling water on the feet of a 3-year-old girl in 2014, which

**resulted in permanent scarring.**

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