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(Neb.)-Trial For Accused Geurts Killer Delayed Two Months

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(Gering)-The trial for the man charged in the 2008 death of two year old Juliette Geurts of Gering has been delayed two months until December 16th.

According to KNEB in Scottsbluff, 26-year-old Dustin Chauncey had been scheduled to have a pre-trial hearing Friday and a trial beginning October 21, on a charge of felony child abuse resulting in death. But Scotts Bluff County District Judge Leo Doborovolny today (Thursday) granted a motion by the Public Defender for a continuance to allow for more time to prepare. The pre-trial hearing has been rescheduled to November 20.

Chauncey was charged after a grand jury was convened to investigate the death following a petition drive led by Juliette's Aunt Monica Hall and others. The toddler's mother, Charyse Geurts, reported to Gering Police July 11, 2008, she found Juliette dead in her crib. The case has been treated as a homicide after the autopsy showed the child died of blunt force trauma. Chauncey, Geurts boyfriend when the death occurred, was in the home at the time.

(Story courtesy KNEB)