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Woman gets 10 years in child abuse case

HOUSTON — A middle class homemaker and mother of two girls Tuesday was sentenced to 10 years in prison for child abuse in a case described by a prosecutor as "among the most vile recorded in history."

Alice McKnight, 28, put her head on the defense table and sobbed after the announcement of the verdict. Her husband rushed to her side, put his head to her's and cried.

McKnight did not speak to reporters after the verdict. Her attorney said he had 10 days to decide whether to appeal.

McKnight testified Tuesday for the first time and asked for probation after admitting she withheld intravenous injections of antibiotics to keep daughter Kimberly, 6, from suffering hearing and kidney problems.

"Are you asking the jury for mercy or justice?" asked prosecutor Charles Rosenthal Jr.

"Justice," McKnight replied.

"For probation, right?" Rosenthal asked.

"Yes," she said.

The jury Monday found her guilty of criminal negligence in withholding medication from Kimberly during the child's 19 hospitalizations from 1974 to 1976. Doctors testified McKnight, a woman who often briefed doctors on the technical aspects of the case, sought attention from medical personnel.

The woman also was charged with injecting fecal bacteria and saliva into her daughter's blood to produce and prolong infections. In a last minute ruling Monday Judge Joseph M. Guarino did not allow the jury to deliberate that charge.

Rosenthal summed up his two-year involvement in the case in his final arguments.

"The acts perpetrated by the defendant, the mother in this case, are among the most vile ever recorded in history," he said.

Seven doctors testified during the two-week trial that the most sophisticated medical technology in four hospitals could not keep severe infections from recurring in Kimberly. Finally, they said, they determined that Kimberly's problems coincided with the child's isolation with the mother. They devised tests to determine whether the mother was tampering with medication and that evidence was introduced.

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Court judge cult member mentally sane

DENVER — A probate judge refused a New Jersey couple's request they be named permanent guardians of their 20-year-old daughter to prevent her from turning to the Hare Krishna religious sect.

Judge James Wade said Fra Agliata and her parents, Louis and Dolores Agliata, had signed an agreement under which the couple agreed not to pursue the guardianship. In return, the girl agreed to meet with her parents after court hearing.

"Therefore, the court finds (Miss Agliata) isn't incapacitated and the court dispenses with the writing of written medical reports," Wade said in a ruling handed down last week.

The Agliatas, of Westfield, had asked for guardianship of their daughter, claiming her mental capacities were diminished when she joined the sect. Miss Agliata was examined by several psychiatrists. Wade said their reports, produced in open court, would show the girl was not mentally incapacitated.

A district judge had ruled Thursday the young woman, mentally incapacitated and ordered her to leave the Iskcon Temple Krishna's local headquarters, girl obeyed after a four-hour confrontation with police and herself in the protective custody of the district attorney's office Tuesday's hearing.

Miss Agliata had joined the Krishna movement in Denver last year, but left the sect after "deprogramming."

During a hearing last Friday before District Judge Joseph Teumer who was acting probate judge, witness testified he and Miss Agliata stopped at Stapleton International Airport April 5 on a flight to Denver.

The witness, Steven C. Teumer, said Miss Agliata saw four members of the Krishna sect whom she recognized and began arguing religiously with them. Teumer said he went to the plane boarding area and Miss Agliata never showed up.

Miss Agliata's parents, fearing she might have been kidnapped, flew to Denver two days later. Her father found her at the Krishna Temple but said she did not recognize him.

"They were chanting, 'Om' and doing that, and this was yellow in the face — violent," Agliata testified. "I never seen my daughter in this state. She didn't know who I

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