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Convicted murderer sentenced to 65 years in prison

Convicted murderer Ricardo Quintero, age 22, of Midlothian, Texas, was sentenced on Friday, January 7, 2011 to confinement in prison for 65 years by 40th District Court Judge Bob Carroll. As with any such sentence of 60 years or more, Quintero must serve 30 years before he can be considered for parole. He also waived his right to appeal the sentence.

Quintero was convicted of murder for causing the death of Tiffany Wells, the two-year-old daughter of his girlfriend, last summer in Midlothian. According to the medical examiner's report, the cause of the toddler's death was blunt head trauma.

The Ellis County and District Attorney's Office made the recommendation of a 65-year sentence after extensive investigation of the crime, the defendant and all circumstances surrounding the case by the Midlothian Police Department, Child Protective Services, and the County and District Attorney's Office.

"This case is another example to child abusers that the Ellis County and District Attorney's Office and the citizens of Ellis County do not, and will not, tolerate the murder or abuse of innocent children," said Chief Felony Prosecutor Don Maxfield.

