

Smith sentencing Friday

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The man charged for injuring toddler Kyra Wine will be sentenced this week.

Charles W. Smith pleaded guilty in January to beating the 3-year-old, resulting in injuries so severe that doctors had to amputate her feet.

Sentencing is March 13.

Smith, 29, pleaded guilty to one count of felony injury to a child and faces a maximum 10 years in prison.

In exchange for the guilty plea, the state dropped an additional felony charge of aggravated battery.

"I don't intend to pursue the other charge," said Benewah County Prosecuting Attorney Doug Payne.

Since his arrest last June, Smith maintained his innocence and was reluctant to accept a plea agreement.

The 29-year-old was arrested June 17 and accused of beating his girlfriend's 3-year-old daughter.

The girl had deep bruises and dead flesh on her hands and feet, according to authorities. Her body was smeared with dried blood and she was slipping in and out of consciousness. She was transported to Deaconess Medical Center, where she underwent multiple surgeries, including the amputation of her feet and part of a finger.

Kyra is recovering while living with her grandparents and her sister, Amanda, who was 5 at the time of the arrests. Amanda wasn't physically harmed.

Kyra's mother, 26-year-old Christina Haynes, is also charged with felony injury to child. She was released on bail last year and is living in Post Falls with her mother and step-father until a March 20 arraignment.

A few witnesses will testify at Friday's sentencing, said Mr. Payne.