

Nashua man pleads guilty in death of his son

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NASHUA -- A 20-year-old Nashua man who initially blamed his mother for his baby's death plans to plead guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter, according to published reports.

Andrew Roberts has filed paperwork in Hillsborough County Superior Court in which he intends to plead guilty to manslaughter, perjury and making a false police report in the death on June 21, 2005, of his 6-month-old, Devin Matthew Logan, according to WMUR.com.

Roberts is the baby's father, and 20-year-old Jessica Logan of Tyngsboro is the mother.

Roberts, who was indicted on a charge of second-degree murder, is accused of "applying such force to Devin Logan's body so as to cause traumatic and lethal injuries to his brain," according to court documents.

Devin was rushed to the hospital on Father's Day weekend while at his paternal grandparents' home in Nashua. He died three days later, on June 21, 2005.

A state medical examiner ruled the cause of death to be child-abuse syndrome with acute injuries.

Roberts was also charged with perjury and filing a false police report. He is accused of lying before the grand jury and to the police by initially blaming his mother for the baby's death. He later admitted to police that he had shaken his son.

No date for the plea change has been scheduled.