

Man faces life in prison for beating death of infant

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DETROIT -- **Harold Reed** was convicted Monday of second-degree murder in the beating death last summer of an infant he briefly held for a distraught mother.

Reed, 49, faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced April 1 in Wayne Circuit Court on the murder conviction and for first-degree child abuse. It is the first conviction in a case that shocked Metro Detroiters, who could not believe a mother could hand her baby to a stranger and that anyone would commit a murder so wanton.

The jury rejected claims during **Reed**'s trial that Isaiah Lewis' father may have killed the 3-month-old. Instead, it accepted his confession to Detroit police that he killed the wailing toddler Aug. 3 while drunk.

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