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Cheektowaga teen pleads guilty in death of his infant son

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The teenage father of Bradley Fagan admitted in State Supreme Court on Wednesday afternoon that he was responsible for the death of his [2-month-old son last year](#) (<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/teen-father-charged-in-shaken-baby-death-of-2-month-old-son-20160302>).

Michael Fiorentino, 17, pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter in the infant's death, meaning that the child died due to the teen's reckless actions.

Fiorentino was at home with the baby on Meadow Place in Cheektowaga the morning of Oct. 24 when he allegedly shook the infant, causing the fatal injuries. Emergency responders found the baby not breathing when they arrived. Bradley was taken to Women & Children's Hospital, where he died a few days later.

Fiorentino was 16 years old at the time and living with the baby's mother, Emily Fagan, and her family.

Both young parents were still in high school and, according to a relative, Fiorentino also was working and active in school sports. He has no other criminal history.

After the baby's death, Fiorentino went to Texas to live with his mother, but he returned voluntarily in February and turned himself in to Cheektowaga police. Investigators said he had been cooperative.

Fiorentino pleaded guilty to a Class C felony, which has a sentencing range of up to 15 years, with a minimum sentence of one to three years.

Justice John L. Michalski said he would consider the possibility of youthful offender status before Fiorentino, who remains free on \$10,000 bail, is sentenced on July 15.

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