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NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 7 (UPI)

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-- The Rev. Javan McBurrows was convicted Friday of third-degree murder in the 1999 beating death of a 4-year-old boy in Pennsylvania.



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Montgomery County Judge William J. Furber Jr. will sentence the former Overbrook, Pa., pastor within 90 days. McBurrows could face 25 to 45 years behind bars, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported.



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McBurrows beat [Michael Davis](#) with a carpenter's level for breaking the rules of his home. Davis's mother, a member of McBurrows' congregation, had entrusted her son to his care.



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Prosecutors sought a first-degree murder conviction, but Deputy District Attorney Christopher Maloney said the judge did not find the specific intent to kill needed for such a conviction.



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