

Rosdeep Adekoya sentenced to 11 years imprisonment



A woman who admitted responsibility for the death of her son has been jailed today.

Rosdeep Adekoya, 34, was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment after she pleaded guilty at an early hearing to the culpable homicide of her three-year-old son Mikaeel Kular.

Mikaeel was reported missing to the police by his mother from their home in Ferry Gait Crescent, Edinburgh, on the morning of Thursday 16th January.

A major police investigation was launched to trace him and his body was later recovered hidden in a suitcase in a wooded area of Kirkcaldy.

Adekoya was subsequently charged over his death and attempting to defeat the ends of justice.

Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham, lead officer for Police Scotland on Major Crime and Public Protection, said: "Police Scotland's thoughts and condolences today remain with Mikaeel's family, following the sentencing of his mother who admitted causing his death.

"The sudden death of any child as the result of the actions of another is always difficult to come to terms with and reverberates through entire communities. Mikaeel died through injuries sustained over a period of time inflicted by the very person who should have been there to care for him.

"Police Scotland began a significant missing person inquiry when Mikaeel was reported missing to us by Rosdeep Adekoya. That was assisted greatly by members of the community who came out in their hundreds to look for Mikaeel, whilst at the height of our searches over 300 officers and staff including mountain rescue experts and dog units were actively looking for

him. Our inquiry led to the activation of Child Rescue Alert, such was the concern for his well-being, and significant resources were utilised from across Police Scotland's territorial and specialist divisions as well as partner agencies.

"Sadly, the circumstances in which Mikaeel was discovered revealed that these efforts were in vain. I would once again like to extend my most sincere thanks to the public for the help they provided and reiterate that today my thoughts are with Mikaeel's family and those who knew him."