

Woman sentenced to jail for neglect 9-96

A woman who failed to take her former father-in-law to the doctor for nearly two years while his legs rotted away was sentenced Tuesday to 15 days in the Johnson County Jail.

Dianne Marie Young, 38, also was ordered to serve 60 days of house arrest after she is released from jail.

The former Overland Park resident was sentenced in Johnson County District Court, where a jury in August found her guilty of the misdemeanor charge of mistreatment of a dependent adult.

In June 1995, Young's daughter called authorities after a piece of the 67-year-old man's leg fell off.

Authorities found the man, the

father of Young's former husband, living in filthy conditions with a cast on one leg that had not been changed for five years.

Both of his legs later were amputated, according to testimony.

He is being cared for by his son, Young's former husband.

At the trial, Young testified that she began caring for the man in October 1993 because her former husband refused to do it. She said the man never complained and never asked to go to the doctor.

Assistant District Attorney Mike Warner told the jury that Young was only interested in caring for the man because he received \$1,000 a month in disability and veterans benefits.