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‘He was much more than vice president’

Longtime lawmaker played central role in America’s hard-edged response to 9/11

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WASHINGTON – Richard Bruce Cheney was the most powerful and the most controversial vice president in American history.

Cheney, 84, died surrounded by family members on the evening of Nov. 3, of complications of pneumonia and cardiac and vascular disease, according to a statement from the Cheney family. It called him “a great and good man who taught his children and grandchildren

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to love our country, and to live lives of courage, honor, love, kindness, and fly fishing.”

The laconic one-time college dropout found his place in Washington, DC, moving to the capital as a congressional fellow and rising in short order to become White House chief of staff for President Gerald Ford, a member of House Republican leadership and wartime secretary of Defense for the President George H.W. Bush.

Then, for eight years as vice

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Former Vice President Dick Cheney became a frequent target of Democrats and other administration critics, particularly for his rosy predictions for the Iraq War and his ties to the oil services giant Halliburton, USA TODAY’s Susan Page says.

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Jake Haro listens as he is sentenced to more than 25 years in prison on Nov. 2, for killing his 7-month-old son, Emmanuel Haro, and lying to police about it. The hearing was at the Riverside Justice Center in Riverside.

POOL PHOTO BY ANJALI SHARIF-PAUL/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER VIA GETTY

‘The lies told in this case only deepened the tragedy’

Jake Haro gets 25 years to life for killing infant son, Emmanuel Haro

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Jake Haro was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison Monday for killing his infant son, Emmanuel Haro, who went missing in August and whose remains have yet to be found.

Jake Haro and Emmanuel’s mother, Rebecca Haro, were accused of murdering the 7-month-old boy and falsely reporting to police that he’d been kidnapped. Rebecca Haro’s case remains open and she is next set to appear in court in February.

On Monday afternoon, Jake Haro’s head slumped as Judge Gary Polk read his sentence during a Superior Court hearing at the Riverside Justice Center. In addition to 25 years to life for assault on a child resulting in death, he was ordered to serve 180 days for filing the false police report and



Rebecca Haro appears in court for her arraignment on Aug. 26 at the Riverside Hall of Justice. POOL PHOTO: ALLEN J. SCHABEN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

to six years, eight months for a firearm charge in a prior case. The three sentences will be served consecutively, for a total sentence of just over 32 years to life.

Haro, 32, had the chance to speak in

court before he was sentenced, but declined.

He pleaded guilty on Oct. 16 to felony charges of second-degree murder and assault resulting in the death of a child under 8 years old, and a misdemeanor charge of falsely reporting a crime to police.

Rebecca Haro’s mother, Mary Beushausen, said during the hearing that she was frustrated that the court system had allowed Jake Haro to be released on probation for a previous abuse conviction. She told the judge that Jake Haro kept her daughter from her and hid the truth of the severity of the child abuse.

“He didn’t give his children a second chance,” Beushausen said, asking the judge for the maximum sentence. “He didn’t give my daughter a second chance.”

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CSUSB PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM Why program was denied accreditation

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The highly awaited physician assistant master’s program at California State University, San Bernardino — which was shut down after it failed to gain provisional accreditation — was found to have have serious staffing and curriculum deficiencies, according to documents newly released under a public records request from The Desert Sun.

The program, which would have been the first of its kind in the California State University system, was intended to expand access to healthcare education — particularly in underserved areas of the Inland Empire.

CSUSB President Tomás Morales had called the program a “game changer” for both the campus and the region, which has one of the nation’s lowest ratios of primary care providers to patients.

Elected officials had secured funding to launch the initiative. Former state Sen. Richard Roth helped secure more than \$16 million for the project, while U.S. Rep. Pete Aguilar and U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla obtained an additional \$2 million in federal support.

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Tomás D. Morales, president of Cal State University, San Bernardino, speaks during a groundbreaking event in May for the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus Student Success Center. JAY CALDERON/THE DESERT SUN

