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Police make arrest in murder of toddler



Tatianna Burns

Shreveport Police Youth Services and Homicide detectives have made arrest in the death of a 17-month old child.

On June 6, 2020, Youth Services investigators responded to Willis-Knighton South on reports of a seventeen month old female arriving at the hospital in an unresponsive state. Doctors immediately suspected foul play and contacted police.

Investigators with the Youth Services Bureau were summoned to the scene and learned that the child's mother took the child to Willis Knighton first then she was transferred to Willis Knighton South. There were no visible injuries but the child was suffering from what doctors described as major head trauma. The child was placed on a ventilator and ultimately died on June 8, 2020. The Caddo Parish Coroner's Office took possession of the decedent and an autopsy was performed. Investigators with the Homicide Unit received the coroner's autopsy report on July 27, 2020. The coroner's finding was that the manner of death was homicide. On August 5, following a week's long investigation detectives procured a warrant for 39-year-old Tatianna Burns for one count of Second Degree Murder with an affixed bond of \$500,000.00. Burns was not the child's mother, but was the legal caretaker of the toddler.

Burns was taken into custody later that day and following interviews was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on her warrant.

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