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Women arrested in child death case

Mother and grandmother complicit in four-week-old boy's 2006 death

Riverside, CA – On Friday afternoon, December 21, 2007, Riverside Police Detectives arrested the mother and grandmother of a boy who died of neglect at the age of only four weeks in November of 2006, on manslaughter-related charges.

On Nov. 6, 2006, Riverside emergency services were called to a home in the 3700-block of Fourth Street in Downtown Riverside for a child reported not breathing. When firefighters arrived at the residence, the grandmother attempted to turn them away, saying the child was fine. Paramedics entered the home, however, and discovered four-week-old Jared Warren had been dead between 2-3 hours.

The child's mother had four older children who had previously been removed from the home by Child Protective Services. With a serious alcohol problem, the mother was supposed to report the birth of Jared to CPS, but the mother and grandmother apparently conspired to hide the child's birth from authorities.

Following Jared's death, the Riverside County Coroner was unable to determine a cause of death, but did not exclude asphyxiation as a likely cause, due to neglect.

Detectives of the Riverside Police Sexual Abuse/Child Abuse Unit (SACA) presented the case to the Riverside County District Attorney in December 2006. A warrant was issued for the arrests on Thursday, December 20, 2007.

The women were arrested at their individual homes, a block apart on Fourth Street, at about 2 p.m., Friday, December 21. The mother, Elizabeth WARREN, 40, is charged with manslaughter and child endangerment; the grandmother, Lucille WARREN, 70, is charged with aiding and abetting a conspiracy. The women were booked into Robert Presley Detention Center, Riverside.

The case agent is SACA Detective Roberta Hopewell, (951) 353-7124.

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