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Date: Tuesday, February 24th, 2009
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Toddler found deceased inside home

Riverside, CA – On Monday, February 23rd, 2009, at approximately 2307 hours, officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to the 5600 block of Via Terreno, in the city of Riverside, reference a call of a deceased toddler inside a residence. Upon arrival at the residence, officers entered the home and found a deceased toddler in one of the bedrooms. Personnel from American Medical Response and the Riverside City Fire Department responded to the scene.

Detectives from the Homicide and Sexual Assault & Child Abuse Units and Forensic Evidence technicians responded to the scene. The preliminary investigation revealed that the male toddler (17 months) sustained blunt force trauma to the head and a puncture wound to his abdomen.

Family members who were inside the residence when police arrived on scene were interviewed and based on statements obtained from them and evidence collected at the scene, the toddler's mother, Lori Burchett (38) of Riverside was taken into custody and booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for murder.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135 or Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134.

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