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UPDATES

SUFFOLK, Va. (January 26, 2009) The parents of eleven month old Zanya K. Jones, who died in December, have been arrested and charged in her death. Linwood Jones Jr., age 25, and Shawntay D. Jones, age 25, were arrested tonight on Grand Jury indictments charging them each with one count of murder.

These indictments were sought after the Office of the Medical Examiner determined that Zanya died of dehydration and malnutrition due to medical and nutritional neglect.

The parents are currently being held in Western Tidewater Regional Jail with no bond. Detective David Burke is the lead investigator on this case.

Suffolk Police Investigating Death of Child

SUFFOLK, Va. (December 2, 2008) – Suffolk Police are currently investigating the death of an eleven month old child. Yesterday, at approximately 3:26 p.m., Suffolk Fire and Rescue responded to the report of an unresponsive child in the 600 blk. of Third Ave. Upon arrival, emergency personnel found an eleven month old little girl that was unresponsive and cold to the touch. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police were notified and responded to the scene. Investigators executed a search warrant at the residence. The baby's parents were interviewed by detectives at Police Headquarters.

Police learned from the parents that the child was last checked on at 7 a.m. Two other children, ages 3 and 4, were removed from the residence by Child Protective Services. Based on statements given to the police and the unsanitary living conditions to which all three children were subjected, the parents, Linwood Jones Jr., age 24, and Shawntay D. Jones, age 25, were each charged with three counts of felony abuse and neglect of children. They are being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail without bond.

Police are awaiting the results of an autopsy today. Detective David Burke is the lead investigator.

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