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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.