



BRPD News Item

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Update 12-31-14

Baton Rouge Police Detectives have upgraded the charge against CANDICE SMITH from Second Degree Cruelty to Juveniles to the charge of First Degree Murder.

Update 12-30-14

CANDICE SHANEE SMITH, 21 of 7025 Beechwood Street has been arrested on charges of Second Degree Cruelty to Juveniles in connection to the death of her two year old daughter, Da'Laijah Smith.

Smith admitted to Baton Rouge Police Investigators of forcefully pushing Da'Laijah, causing her to strike her head against a shower wall. Smith also admitted to other multiple acts of physical abuse. Investigators observed Da'Laijah to have signs multiple signs of bruising and fingernail marks to her extremities.

The charges against Candice Smith maybe upgraded pending the results of an autopsy.

Original 12-29-14

At approximately 2119 hrs., 12-29-14, U/P 4th District Officers responded to 7025 Beechwood street relative to an unresponsive 2 yrs. old infant. On Officers arrival they located the 2 yrs. old infant inside of the residence with EMS and Fire dept. performing CPR on the infant. The infant was transported to a hospital in a life threatening condition. Officers were later contacted and informed that the infant was deceased, and that the infant suffered trauma. The VCU Division was notified and responded, and the investigation was turned over to Detectives.

Anyone with information is asked to contact VCU at 389-4869 or Crime Stoppers at 344-STOP.