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**PRESS RELEASE**

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that an Okaloosa County Grand Jury has indicted William Alan Thomason for First Degree First Degree Felony Murder for the death of his daughter, 8 week old, Braelyn Thomason.

On the afternoon of September 13, 2013, Thomason was left home alone with Braelyn while her mother went to run errands. Witnesses have said that Braelyn was acting normally at the time she left alone with Thomason. Upon returning to the home, Braelyn's mother found Braelyn with her eyes rolled back in her head, moaning and unresponsive. Thomason claimed she was just sleeping hard. EMS responded to the scene and rushed Braelyn to FWBMC. She was later flown to Sacred Heart for treatment. Braelyn died 3 days later as a result of her injuries which included 2 broken femurs, a broken clavicle, broken ribs, bilateral retinal hemorrhages, and massive bleeding on the brain. Doctors have said that Braelyn would have been immediately symptomatic upon receiving the injuries to her head. Thomason has admitted to being the only person alone with Braelyn between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of September 13, 2013.

The Defendant is currently incarcerated with no bond.

Assistant State Attorneys Angela Mason and Jack Schlechter will be prosecuting the case. If you have any additional questions, please contact them at 850-651-7260.