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UPDATE ON AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE CASE

Eight week old Braelyn Thomason, the victim of the aggravated child abuse case outlined below, passed away shortly before ten p.m. Monday night, September 16th, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola due to her injuries. Charges against the defendant, William Thomason, will be upgraded to homicide. Braelyn's date of birth was July 14, 2013.

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September 14, 2013

FWB MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged a Fort Walton Beach man with causing the injuries that placed an eight-week-old infant in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

At last word, the infant was unresponsive and given a slight chance of survival.



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Deputies arrested 23-year old William Thomason of 328 Seminole Street this morning at his home on a charge of aggravated child abuse.

They'd been called to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center around 6:30 p.m. Friday regarding an eight-week-old girl with suspicious injuries who'd been brought to the emergency room by E-M-S. The baby had bruising, a broken collarbone, and severe head trauma and was taken by helicopter to the Pediatric I-C-U at Sacred Heart where doctors say her chance of survival is "slight".

Thomason told deputies he was the only person with the victim during the time period between when she was left in his care and the injuries were discovered. He gave deputies several scenarios about how the injuries may have occurred, including that the infant may have hit her head on the faucet while he was giving her a bath.

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