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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Scott J. Mayberry, Chief of Police
Report Number: FG1201716
Date / Time Incident: December 2, 2012, 1:11 p.m.
Location of Incident: 1361 Oak Street, Fort Bragg, California.
Crime or Incident: Serious Injury to an Infant Causing Death
Victim: Female Victim, 5 months old
Suspect: Wilson Lee Tubbs III, 38, years of age, Fort Bragg
(AKA Josh Tubbs)

CIRCUMSTANCES December 2, 2012, 1:11 p.m. Officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department were called to the Mendocino Coast Hospital for an alleged physical abuse of a 5 month old infant. Upon the officer's arrival medical staff told the officers the infant was brought into the hospital in respiratory distress, and also had bruises about her face and skull. Due to the nature of the injuries the infant was transported to Oakland Children's Hospital in Oakland, California by REACH helicopter.

Officers interviewed the Foster Father, Wilson Tubbs, who brought the infant into the hospital. Tubbs told the officer at the hospital that the night before on December 1, 2012 while changing the infant's diaper he stepped away for just a few seconds into another room when he heard the infant crying. Tubbs said when he returned to the room he noticed the infant laying on the floor with the changing pad on top of her. Tubbs indicated to the officers he thought his large dog may have ran past the changing pad, hitting it and causing the pad and the infant to fall to the hardwood floor. Tubbs said the infant was crying and did receive a bump on the forehead from the fall.

On December 4, 2012 the Police Department received a call from a doctor from the Children's Hospital in Oakland, California reporting after a complete examination the infant was found to have two skull fractures along with several

bruises about the face and skull. The doctor, a child abuse specialist, told the officers in her opinion the infant had been physically abused, and in no way could the fall from the changing pad have caused the injury as reported by Wilson Tubbs. The doctor then reported the infant currently had no brain functions.

December 5, 2012 the department was notified the infant had died from her injuries.

This department continued this investigation and then requested assistance from the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office, Investigations Unit.

December 8, 2012 the investigators from the District Attorney's Office re-interview Wilson Tubbs where he told the investigators he did get upset with the infant and reported slapping and shaking the infant in a forceful manor causing the child's injuries.

On today's date this case was presented to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office and after their review, a complaint was filed and a warrant was issued for Wilson Tubbs' arrest.

December 10, 2012, 4:50 p.m. officers located Wilson Tubbs in the 1000 blk. of Oak Street and he was arrested for the warrant. Tubbs was booked at the Fort Bragg Police Department, and then later transported to Mendocino County Jail where he is being held on \$500,000.00 bail.

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