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Arrest Made in Death Investigation Involving a Child

Bloomington, IL - On 12/18/24, after an investigation by the Bloomington Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division, an arrest warrant was issued for Quvonay Collins. The warrant stemmed from a child death occurring in August.

On Sunday, 8/25/24, at 12:57 a.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to Carle Bromenn Medical Center, located at 1304 Franklin Avenue, for a death investigation. Police learned the deceased child, a 13-month-old female, had been brought to the hospital by her mother, Ms. Collins. The child arrived with no signs of life.

The child had been pronounced deceased on 08/24/24, at 11:42 p.m. An autopsy was conducted on 8/26/24. The McLean County Coroner's Office advised, preliminary autopsy opinion indicated the child died from hyperthermia due to environmental heat exposure.

As a result of the investigation, detectives learned the child being left unattended in a vehicle, for an extended period, led to her death.

On 12/19/24, Collins was taken into custody by the Bloomington Police Department Criminal Investigations Division, Street Crimes Unit, and the United States Marshals Service. Collins is being held at the McLean County Detention Facility. A detention hearing is scheduled for 12/20/24.

Arrested: Quvonay T. Collins, 24, of Normal, IL

- Involuntary Manslaughter / Family Member
- Obstructing Justice / Destroy Evidence
- Endangering the Life and Health of a Child Involving Death

Note: All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

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"The circumstances surrounding the death of the 13-month-old child was very unfortunate. The men and women of the BPD worked through this investigation with diligence. I am proud of their efforts and the assistance of our community," stated Chief Jamal Simington. *"These types of cases take considerable effort and expertise. This community is truly blessed to have highly trained, dedicated, and experienced professionals to investigate these incidents."*

Child abuse and neglect are serious crimes that require immediate attention. If you suspect a child is in danger, please report it to your local police department immediately. You can contact the Bloomington Police Department at 309-820-8888 or 9-1-1 in an emergent situation. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services can be contacted at 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873).

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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