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Press Release

Arkansas City police make two arrests related to child's death

Abegg, Brickey suspected of second-degree murder; autopsy set for today

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 19, 2015) — The Arkansas City Police Department has arrested two Arkansas City residents on suspicion of second-degree murder in connection with the death of a 16-month-old child Tuesday afternoon at MeadowWalk Apartments, 925 W. Skyline Road.

The official cause of **Astra** Abegg's death has not been determined at this time. An autopsy is scheduled to be performed today.

Police were dispatched about 1:55 p.m. Tuesday to an apartment for a medical emergency involving the child. When they arrived, they found the child deceased.

After conducting interviews and a search warrant at the residence, police arrested the victim's mother, Lindsey Abegg, 29, and her live-in boyfriend, Jacob Brickey, 27, on suspicion of second-degree murder, as well as possession of drug paraphernalia, marijuana and methamphetamine.

Both Abegg and Brickey were transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail, where they are being held without bond.

Murder in the second degree is the killing of a human being, committed unintentionally, but recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life.

This is an ongoing investigation and the Arkansas City Police Department has no further details to release at this time.

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