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Mother charged with Neglect for 2020 death of one-year-old

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced charges today in the November 2020 death of an infant, Kalimah Hernandez. The child's mother, Alexandria Jones has been charged with Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death (Level 1 Felony) and two counts of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 3 Felonies) for her role in the death of her daughter.

On November 26, 2020, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services were called to a home in the 4100 block of Cordell Street on the city's far-eastside. The child was suffering from burns that covered approximately 25% of her body. The child ultimately died as a result of the burns she sustained.

According to the child's mother, the infant sustained the burns while taking a bath in the kitchen sink. After the incident occurred, it is alleged that Jones failed to seek medical treatment for the child in a timely manner.

An autopsy report determined the cause of death to be "complications from thermal injury." Additionally, doctors confirmed the child had suffered from several broken bones in her extremities prior to her death. According to the report, a thermal injury of this nature in a young child is a medical emergency but is potentially survivable with appropriate medical attention.

A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.