



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: October 16, 2024 around 6:30 a.m.
Incident: 2024-1526950
Location: 3000 North 67th Avenue
Victim: Deara Harris, 3-month-old female, deceased

Detectives Investigate Infant Death

(October 17, 2024): Detectives investigating an early morning death of a 3-month-old girl who was found unresponsive in her mother's bed.

Officers were called to an injured person call at an apartment complex near 67th Avenue and Osborn Road early Wednesday morning. When officers arrived, they learned the fire department had responded to a baby not breathing call and immediately transported the baby, 3-month-old Deara Harris, to the hospital. Officers later learned the infant died at the hospital.

Detectives responded to investigate the incident and learned Deara was found unresponsive in her mother's bed. Preliminary information suggests Deara was accidentally suffocated sometime overnight while sleeping with her mother.

The investigation awaits the findings of the post-mortem exam to be conducted by the Office of the Medical Examiner. The case remains active.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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