

VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT Press Release

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VPD Case # 07-24252

** UPDATE **

187 P.C. – HOMICIDE

The eighteen month-old victim in this case, now identified as Tania Rose, died late this morning at a local hospital. The case was originally reported on December 12, 2007, at which time the Vallejo Fire Department responded to 135 Carolina Street to render medical aid to a child who was not breathing. The Vallejo Police Department was notified and became involved in the case after paramedics discovered and dislodged a foreign object from the baby's throat while en-route to the hospital.

Vallejo Police Department Detectives continue to actively investigate the case – Vallejo's 17th homicide of the year. A sixteen year-old male juvenile was previously arrested and booked into Solano county Juvenile Hall for the offense, which will now be amended to a homicide.

No additional information is being released at this time.

Anyone with information regarding the case is asked to contact Detective Mat Mustard or Detective Corporal Steve Cheatham at (707) 648-4542.



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Detective Steven Cheatham
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On 12/12/07 at approximately 1908 hrs, the Vallejo Fire Department responded to a Medical Aid call at 135 Carolina Street in reference to an 18 month old female that was not breathing. CPR was administered to the child and the child was ultimately transported to Kaiser Vallejo. While en-route Vallejo Fire Paramedics dislodged a foreign object from the baby's throat. The baby was treated at Kaiser Vallejo and placed on life support and transferred to the Kaiser Medical Center of Oakland.

On 12/13/07 personnel from the Kaiser Medical Center of Oakland contacted the Vallejo Police Department with information that indicated the possibility of child abuse. At that time an investigation was initiated. As of 12/14/07 the 18 month old child is still on life support and in grave condition.

After obtaining statements from witnesses, hospital personnel and additional evidence, a sixteen year old male was arrested for violations of 664/187 PC (Attempted Murder) and 273a(a) PC (Child Abuse) and booked into Solano County Juvenile Hall.

If anyone has information pertaining to this investigation please contact the Vallejo Police Department at (707) 648-4321, or the Vallejo Police Department Investigations Section at (707) 648-4542, attention Detective Matt Mustard or Detective Steve Cheatham.