

INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Date and Time of Release: Friday, January 21, 2022 / 2:30 P.M.

Date and Time of Incident: Sunday, December 19, 2021 / 10:27 A.M.

Subject: Homicide Investigation – Suspect Arrested

Suspect: Jawhon Sherod Burts, Age 30, of Indio, CA

Anonymous Information: **Coachella Valley Crime Stoppers 341-STOP** (7867) "See Something Say Something"

On Sunday, December 19, 2021, approximately 10:27 A.M., Indio Police Officers responded to assist Indio Cal-Fire staff with a medical call for service of child at the Encanto Apartments, 46-700 block of Clinton Street, Indio.

Upon arrival of the officers, they assisted the Fire Paramedics and transported the child by ambulance to a local valley hospital. Further investigation by officers became suspicious of possible child abuse and based on the circumstances, Indio Police Major Crimes Unit Detectives responded to the scene to assume the investigation. Detectives were able to identify the child's father as the suspect Jawhon Sherod Burts, Age 30, of Indio, was arrested without incident at the apartment and booked into John Benoit Detention Center in Indio for child abuse. See attached booking photo.

On Tuesday, December 21, 2021, the child passed away at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA. Burts still in custody had an additional charge of murder. Indio Police Detectives and the Riverside County Sheriffs Coroner's Office have an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding this case, is encouraged to contact Major Crimes Unit Detective Justino Perez @ (760) 391-4117 or call anonymous information through Valley Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP(7867).

For more information contact: Indio Police PIO – (760) 541-4500



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