



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Murder Arrest

Case: 201004943

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Humboldt County Sheriff's Detectives arrested a Humboldt County man for murder yesterday following the death of a four-year-old child. Detectives were called to a local hospital after the child had been transported there. The child was pronounced deceased. The child's body showed evidence of on-going abuse, with extreme bruising being present over much of his body.

The child had been transported to the hospital late Saturday night after his care-giver discovered he wasn't breathing. The child was pronounced dead at about 11:00 pm. Detectives interviewed family members and learned the child had been in the primary care of Leon Alyious Bigleggins, 25, during the days leading up to his death.

Bigleggins was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on one count of murder. Bail has not been set. Bigleggins is scheduled to be arraigned by Wednesday. An autopsy of the child will be scheduled by the Coroner's Office.

Gary Philp
Sheriff

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