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PRESS RELEASE

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**AGGRAVATED CHILD  
ABUSE**

On Friday, March 21, 2008, at approximately 2:00 P.M. Fort Lauderdale Police and Fire-Rescue were dispatched to 1744 Northwest 8 Street in reference to a baby being unresponsive.

Upon police unit's arrival, Fire-Rescue was already on-scene and had begun CPR on the unresponsive baby. Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue transported the child to Broward General Medical Center where he was intubated. Despite the efforts of the medical team at the hospital the baby was pronounced deceased on Sunday, March 23, 2008, at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Police have arrested Christopher Downing, B/M, 05/09/1987, a Fort Lauderdale resident. Downing has been charged with one count of Aggravated Child Abuse. Downing could face further charges as the investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this is encouraged to contact Detective Ghalib Carmichael at 954-828-5521 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Christopher Downing

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