



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD ARRESTS SEVERAL PEOPLE INVOLVED IN DEATH OF 7-YEAR-OLD

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) is investigating the suspicious death of a seven-year-old that occurred on Monday, December 25, 2023, at approximately 7:56 p.m. This incident occurred near the 1700 block of Southwest 11th Street in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

FLPD and Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) were called to the residence in reference to a medical emergency involving a seven-year-old child. The child victim was transported to Broward Health Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Preliminary investigation has revealed the child victim had a condition that required in-home medical services. After a thorough investigation, it was determined that several family members, as well as the home health nurses, did not conduct the appropriate medical services resulting in the aggravated abuse and death of the child.

The victim has been identified as Deonte Atwell, B/M, DOB 12/23/2016.

The suspects are identified below:

- Michelle Doe, B/F, DOB 06/28/1987, mother of the victim. Doe is charged with murder in first degree, aggravated manslaughter of a child, aggravated child abuse, and two counts of neglect of a child.
- Tyreck Irvin, B/M, DOB 07/21/2003, brother of victim. Irvin is charged with murder in first degree, aggravated manslaughter of a child, aggravated child abuse, and two counts of neglect of a child.
- James Graham, B/M, DOB 04/26/1954, grandfather of victim. Graham is charged with aggravated manslaughter of a child, neglect of a child, and failure to report child abuse.
- Mirlande Moltimer Ameda, B/F, DOB 12/11/1976, the owner of home health provider. Moltimer is charged with felony murder in third degree, aggravated manslaughter of a child, Medicaid fraud, and neglect of a child.
- Cassandre Lassegue, B/F, DOB 09/14/1990, nurse assigned to care for the victim. Lassegue is charged with murder in first degree, aggravated manslaughter of a child, felony murder in third degree, aggravated child abuse, and Medicaid fraud.

All five suspects were located and arrested by FLPD on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

FLPD is working this investigation in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud and Control Unit. Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Homicide Detective Jennifer Saint Jean at 954-828-5570, Homicide Detective Jackie Sanchez at 954-828-5539, or Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).

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