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Detectives Charge Day Care Worker in Infant's Death

The Leon County Sheriff's Office has arrested Barbara J. Knight, 55, and charged her in the death of 5 month old Peyton Joshua. Deputies were called to the Kids Club Day Care located at 236 Ross Road on September 17, 2010 after Joshua was discovered cold and unresponsive. Day care workers, deputies and paramedics attempted life saving techniques; however the infant did not survive.

Evidence located during the autopsy indicated that Joshua died as a result of blunt force trauma. An intensive investigation involving the Department of Children and Families, the Child Protection Team, the Medical Examiner's Office, the State Attorney's Office and the Leon County Sheriff's Office has concluded that Joshua's injuries were sustained during the period of time that he was in the sole care, custody and control of Knight.

Detectives obtained a warrant for Knight's arrest today. Shortly after obtaining the warrant, Knight was taken into custody and transported to the Leon County Jail.

ARRESTED

Barbara J. Knight
DOB: 10-24-1955



Charge: Homicide- Aggravated Negligent Manslaughter of a Child

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