



# Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

## David Leyton, Prosecutor



### **2-year-old Boy in Hospital: Dad & Girlfriend Charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Child Abuse**

**FLINT** - Just a few hours after announcing murder charges against a father for the weekend homicide of his 2-year-old daughter in Flint Township, Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has announced felony charges against a Flint man and his girlfriend in an unrelated case involving the severe beating of the man's two-year-old son in the City of Flint over the holiday weekend.

According to the police investigation in the latter case, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, neighbors at the River Park Townhouses near Carpenter Road and N. Dort Highway in the City of Flint heard what sounded like a child screaming and being beaten. The neighbors called 9-1-1 and the child was taken by ambulance to a Flint hospital where he remains under medical care.

The boy's father, Michael Levell Wilkerson, 37 of Flint (d.o.b. 6/22/74), and his girlfriend, Gwendolyn Lorraine Thomas, 25 of Flint (d.o.b. 6/22/86), have both been charged with one count of first degree child abuse which carries a possible penalty of 15 years in prison.

Earlier today, Prosecutor Leyton announced that he had charged Donovan Lamar Haynes, 20 of Flint (d.o.b. 5/30/1991), with murder and other felonies in the Fourth of July weekend death of Haynes' two-year-old daughter, Tiarra Woodward. Haynes was arraigned on the charges this afternoon in 67<sup>th</sup> District Court.

"It is a very sad and tragic set of circumstances for my office to be called upon to review two separate police reports in one day involving the assault of two young children, each two years of age, and each being the victim of their very own father," said Prosecutor Leyton.

Wilkerson and Thomas will be arraigned in 68<sup>th</sup> District Court.

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