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Flint Man Charged with Murder in the Death of his 2-year-old Daughter

FLINT - Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton announced this afternoon that he has charged Donovan Lamar Haynes, 20 of Flint (d.o.b. 5/30/1991), with four felony counts, including Open Murder, in the Fourth of July weekend death of Haynes' two-year-old daughter, Tiarra Woodward.

According to the police investigation, Flint Township police were dispatched to an address on Donal Drive around 9:00 AM on Sunday, July 3, 2011 with reports of a child not breathing. Upon arrival, police found a small child, later identified as Woodward, unresponsive and with evidence of bruises and full bite marks on various parts of her body.

The child was taken by ambulance to Hurley Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 9:24 AM. A medical examiner's report indicates the cause of death was from internal bleeding from a lacerated liver.

Prosecutor Leyton has charged Haynes with:

COUNT 1: HOMICIDE - OPEN MURDER, MCL 750.316
FELONY: Life

COUNT 2: HOMICIDE - FELONY MURDER, MCL 750.316(1)(b)
FELONY: Life without parole

COUNT 3: CHILD ABUSE - FIRST DEGREE, MCL 750.136b(2)
FELONY: 15 years

COUNT 4: TORTURE, MCL 750.85
FELONY: Life or any term of years

"This poor little girl suffered an inexcusable death," said Prosecutor Leyton. "I cannot imagine the fear and the agony she went through before she died," he said.

"My office will do everything it can to see that justice is served and the defendant is held accountable under the law," he said.

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