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DATE: May 29, 2018
INCIDENT: Murder in the Second Degree-Kiana Street
CASE #: 18-1603

On Saturday, May 12, 2018 at approximately 10:00 a.m., the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center received a call from Providence Hospital regarding an infant who was flown to Anchorage the prior evening. The infant was in intensive care and not expected to survive.

FPD Detectives began investigating the incident and found that the infant was brought into the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital by the father on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 8:19 p.m. The father reported that the infant was unresponsive and would not eat. A CAT scan revealed extensive bleeding and bruising of the brain. The infant was transported via Medivac to Providence on May 12, 2018 at 2:51 a.m.

On May 12, 2018 at approximately 2:06 p.m., FPD Detectives met with the infant’s father regarding the infant’s injuries. The father stated that the infant had fallen or hit their head several times. The father gave several versions of how the infant was injured. The father then admitted that he shook the infant out of frustration. He stated that during the shaking the infant’s head hit the father’s head twice. After that, the father stated that the infant would not eat and the infant’s eyes appeared to be dilated so he took the infant to the hospital.

On May 15, 2018 at 12:38 pm, the victim, J.T. (DOB 10/31/2017), was pronounced deceased by medical staff.

There were no signs of external trauma, but the autopsy revealed that the infant had six blunt force injuries on the forehead and had severe swelling of the brain.

The baby’s father, JAMES JIMIESON (DOB 2/1/1996), was arrested today and remanded to FCC for MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

If you have information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Alana Malloy at 907-450-6550 or amalloy@fairbanks.us.