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On July 3rd 2017, at approximately 0530 hours, Jackson Township Police were called to Motel 6 reference an unresponsive 18 month old boy. The Jackson Township Fire Department transported the child to Mercy Medical Center where the child was pronounced dead.

The Jackson Township Detective Bureau along with the Stark County Coroner's Office and Stark County Prosecutor's Office are investigating the death. At this time, we are waiting on the results of the autopsy to determine the cause of death.

The mother Stephanie M. Buchanan, 26-year-old black female, last known address is 6880 Sunset Strip Ave, NW, Jackson Township, was served a warrant and charged with Obstructing Official Business, a Felony of the 5th degree. Charges stem from her misleading law enforcement by providing several aliases for Jasmin Nance and misleading officers regarding their relationship

Jasmin P. Nance, a 25-year-old black female, last known address is 6880 Sunset Strip Ave, NW, Jackson Township, was also served a warrant on July 5, 2017 for Obstructing Official Business, a Felony of the 5th degree. Ms. Nance did provide law enforcement officers several different aliases to conceal her identity knowing she had a felony warrant for her arrest. Jasmin Nance was arrested by Jackson Township Police on July 3, 2017, on a felony warrant out of Cuyahoga County for Endangering Children.

Stephanie Buchanan's four (4) other children, three females ages 4, 6 and 9 years old and one 6 year old male are in custody of Stark County Protective Services after the July 3rd incident.

This is an on going investigation and further details will be released as they become available. Pending the outcome of the investigation additional charges may be filed.

Note - Booking photos are available at the Stark County Sheriff's Office.