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NEWS RELEASE

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HARTFORD POLICE INVESTIGATE INFANT DEATH

(Hartford) – On Friday January 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM Hartford Police Patrol officers responded to 76 Main St. for a report of an infant having a seizure. The infant was transported to Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC) by Emergency Medical Personnel.

Hartford Police Juvenile Investigative Division (JID) detectives responded to CCMC and 76 Main St. to begin the investigation. Crime Scene Division detectives were notified and responded to 76 Main St. to process the scene and assist in the investigation. JID detectives learned during the investigation that the child received severe head trauma that ultimately led to his death at 12:00 PM Saturday January 12, 2008. Hartford Police Major Crimes Division is assisting in the investigation.

Yalines Torres, DOB 12/10/1982 of 76 Main St. was arrested early Saturday morning and charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor and Reckless Endangerment First degree. She is being held on \$500,000 dollar bond. Additional charges will be forthcoming. Torres was the infant’s baby sitter at the time of the incident.

The deceased infant is Elijah Gasque, 6/06/2006, of 76 Main St. His mother is Julie Adkins-Gasque of 76 Main St., Hartford.

The Hartford Police Department Major Crimes Division is asking anyone with information about this incident to contact HPD Juvenile Investigative Division Detective P.J. Clark (860) 757-4238, Major Crimes Detective Danny Mui (860) 757-4263, Sergeant Edward Yergeau (860) 757-4257, or contact the HPD's confidential tip hotline (860) 527-TIPS (8477).

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