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ARREST MADE IN DECEMBER, 2005 SUSPICIOUS DEATH INVESTIGATION

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested a woman for the December, 2005 death of her 14-year-old son.

On December 17, 2005, patrol officers responded to a report of a deceased person in the 5700 block of Alta Vista Avenue. The decedent, 14-year-old Brandon McClure, had a significant medical history. When Brandon's doctors declined to sign a death certificate, the Medical Examiner's Office performed an examination that revealed evidence of neglect that may have contributed to his death.

During the past twelve months, the Homicide Unit, Medical Examiner's Office, and District Attorney's Office conducted a joint investigation into the circumstances surrounding Brandon's death. The investigation concluded that, despite Brandon's medical problems, he died of starvation and neglect. On that basis, the District Attorney's Office filed second-degree murder charges against Angela Bernard, 33, Brandon's mother.

This afternoon, at 4:10 p.m., officers arrested Bernard at her residence in the 4900 block of 68th Street. Bernard will be processed and booked into Las Colinas for murder.

Bernard's other children, ages 9 and 13, have been in foster care since the investigation began.

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