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POLICE INVESTIGATE CHILD'S DEATH IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a two-year-old child in Mountain View.

On Wednesday, June 27, at 5:10 p.m., paramedics were called to a residence in the 900 block of South 45th Street to assist with a two-year-old child in medical distress. The child was transported to Children's Hospital, where doctors determined he had a devastating brain injury and bruising to his body. Child Abuse detectives conducted the initial investigation, and when doctors determined that the child's death was imminent, the Homicide Unit assumed the investigation.

Detectives interviewed Linda Coleman, 47, the child's foster mother, and concluded his injuries were inconsistent with the version of events she presented. The victim, Malachi Roberts-McBride, died on Friday, June 29. His autopsy was performed on Sunday, July 1, and it revealed that Malachi died of blunt force trauma.

This evening, at 1945 hours, Coleman surrendered to detectives at police headquarters. She is being processed at the Homicide Office and will be booked into Las Colinas for one count of murder.

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