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POLICE ARREST HANSBERRY MOTHER FOR CHILD NEGLECT

On April 27, 2008, at 5:13 p.m., officers and paramedics were dispatched to a residence in the 2000 block of Pacific Mist Road on a report of a non-breathing child. Upon the arrival of emergency personnel, they found a family member performing CPR on three-year-old Armani Hansberry. Paramedics continued with life saving efforts and transported the young girl to a local hospital where she later died.

At the conclusion of the autopsy, the Medical Examiner's Office classified the case as a homicide and determined that Armani Hansberry died as a result of blunt force trauma to the abdomen. On April 28, 2008, at 9:55 p.m., San Diego Police Homicide detectives arrested 24-year-old Christopher Simmons for the murder of Armani Hansberry. Simmons is the step father of the victim.

As a result of the on-going investigation, homicide detectives were granted an arrest warrant for child neglect charges against the victim's mother, 23-year-old English Simmons. The warrant was issued on May 8, 2008. Simmons was taken into custody by U.S. Marshalls later that same evening in Detroit, Michigan while on a scheduled trip to attend services for the victim.

On May 20, 2008, English Simmons arrived in San Diego via the extradition process. She was later booked into jail on one count of child neglect.

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