



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE

KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Date: August 3, 2018  
Incident Number: 18-137680  
Type of Incident: Death Investigation  
Detective: Jason Russo  
Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

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On Thursday, August 2, 2018 at approximately 12:06 PM the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to the 16000 Block of Algoma Avenue, N.E. in Solon Township on a 911 call from the father of an unresponsive child.

Deputies arrived to find a 10-month-old female not breathing and unresponsive. The child was pronounced dead at the scene.

On August 3, 2018, an autopsy was performed on the 10-month-old child and the cause of death is malnutrition/dehydration due to neglect by adult care givers and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

Prior to this incident, the Kent County Sheriff's Office only responded to the address once for the current owners and it was unrelated to child welfare.

As a result of the investigation, both parents were arrested on 8/3/18 and are currently lodged at the Kent County Correctional Facility pending review by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office. We will update the media with the names of the suspects if they are officially charged.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff's Office at 616-632-6357 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.