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MEDIA ADVISORY: Murder Charges For Father In Infant's Death

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced that murder charges have been sought against a Sanger man after the death of his infant son.

Nineteen year old Jose Luis Santoyo was arrested January 11th on felony child abuse charges after severely injuring his two month old son.

On January 10th, Sanger Police officers responded to Santoyo's home located in the 1600 block of James St. after he called 911 to report that his baby was not breathing. Arriving officers performed CPR on the infant until EMS personnel took over. The infant was then transported to Children's Hospital Central California where he was put on life support in critical condition.

The following day, Sanger Police Department requested assistance from the Fresno County Sheriff's Homicide Unit as it appeared that infant was near death. As a result of the ensuing investigation, detectives arrested Santoyo on the felony abuse charge.

Earlier this morning, investigators were contacted by hospital officials who advised that the infant had died.

Sheriff's investigators recontacted the District Attorney's Office who amended the charges against Santoyo to murder and felony child abuse resulting in death.

An autopsy on the infant is scheduled for tomorrow.

Santoyo will be rearraigned on the charges at a later date.

