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Detectives Investigating Toddler Death

Homicide detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office are investigating the suspicious death of a toddler.

Around 9:30 am on Wednesday, Fresno Police received a 911 call from a man saying a child was injured inside an apartment located on the 2400 block of S. Ninth Street in Calwa. A Fresno Police officer arrived and found the boy, who would turn two years old next month, to be non-responsive. The officer gave the boy CPR and allowed EMS to take over medical aid once they arrived. Around 10:15 am, the boy was pronounced deceased.

Officers detained a woman at the apartment, who is the mother of the child. They also detained the man who made the emergency call. He is the woman's boyfriend and is not the father of the child. Detectives are interviewing both of them and neither has been placed under arrest.

A preliminary report shows the man went to check on the boy while he was asleep in his room. The boy did not respond when he attempted to wake him up. The mother then came into the room to check on the child and he did not respond to her attempts either. The man then called 911 for help.

The Sheriff's Office has taken over the investigation because the apartment unit is located in the county. Detectives are serving a search

warrant in order for them and members of our Crime Scene Unit to collect evidence. As part of the investigation, they will be checking for prior calls for service at this address, as well as reviewing the child's medical records.

A cause of death is not known at this time. Members of the Coroner's Office are scheduled to perform an autopsy on the child Thursday morning.

Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to contact Detective Juan Galindo at (559) 600-8215. You may also contact Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.