



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
June 10, 2020

VPD Report Number: 20-046726

Date/Time Occurred: 06/05/2020 2249

Type of Incident: Homicide/ Child Abuse Resulting
in Great Bodily Injury

Location: 4645 W. Noble @ Motel 6

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Blase, Jasmine

18

Yes

2. Ramirez, Ezequiel

23

Yes

Details: On 06/05/2020, patrol officers were dispatched to Motel 6 regarding an unresponsive child. The one-year-old victim was found to be suffering from several severe injuries. The child was transferred to local hospitals for treatment and is currently in critical condition. The child's mother, (S) Jasmine Blase, was taken into custody for Child Abuse and was booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

*******UPDATE*******

As a result of the Visalia Police Department's ongoing investigation, Ezequiel Ramirez (23) was taken into custody on June 9, 2020 at approximately 4:30 PM for his involvement regarding a child abuse that was first reported to police on June 5, 2020. Ramirez was located in the City of Fresno with the assistance of the California Department of Corrections, Office of Correctional Safety- Fugitive Apprehension Team and U.S. Marshalls who have been assisting the Visalia Police Department since the early stages of this investigation.

Ramirez was transported to the Visalia Police Department for questioning and later booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

Information obtained during the investigation determined Ramirez, along with Blase, caused injuries to their one-year-old child, which includes multiple fractured bones and significant head trauma. As a result of this trauma, the victim was transported to Valley Children's Hospital for testing and treatment. Based on the testing completed, no brain



function was observed and the child has been declared clinically deceased by medical staff. The child remains on life support for determination of donor options.

The Visalia Police Department has been in consultation with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office regarding this matter. Based on our discussions, Ramirez has been booked for one count of Homicide and a Parole Violation. Modified charges are also expected for Blase.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit are still investigating this case and anyone with information is encouraged to contact Det. Morgantini at 559-713-4104 or the Anonymous Tip Line at 713-4738.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/VC

Supervisor: Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36

