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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

June 4, 2021

VPD Report Number: 21-045599/21-045678

Date/Time Occurred: June 3, 2021 5:47 p.m.

Type of Incident: Involuntary Manslaughter, Child Endangerment, Marijuana Cultivation

Location: 100 block of W. Perez

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Eustajia Dominguez Mojica	28	Yes
2. Araceli Mojica	33	Yes
3. Emmanuel Ortiz-Aguilar	34	Yes
4. Valentin Aguilar Ortiz	27	Yes
5. Victor Flores Corona	41	Yes

Details:

On June 3, 2021 at 5:47 p.m., officers and emergency services personnel were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Perez regarding a 3-year-old, later identified as Jessica Campos, who was not breathing after being left in a parked vehicle for an extended length of time. An officer was on an unrelated call across the street from the residence and was on scene within seconds. The patrol officer took over CPR duties from family members who were trying to revive Jessica. Once Fire Department and ambulance personnel arrived on scene, they took over life saving measures. Jessica was transported by ambulance to Kaweah Health Medical Center, where she was pronounced deceased. The Violent Crimes Unit responded to take over the investigation.

Based on statements obtained by detectives, it is believed that Jessica was left in the vehicle for 2 ½ to 3 hours prior to being discovered. The outdoor temperature was determined to be at least 100 degrees at the time of the incident. Statements obtained indicated that Jessica’s mother, Eustajia Mojica Dominguez, had been tending to a marijuana grow and processing marijuana during the time the child was left in the vehicle.



The Narcotics Unit and the Special Enforcement Unit were contacted to assist in the investigation for the marijuana related concerns. 70 mature marijuana plants, 80 immature marijuana plants, and approximately 200 pounds of processed marijuana were located at the residence.

Four other children, ages 15,11, and two that were 9 months old, were found at the residence. They were all turned over to Child Welfare Services.

Four additional adults were found to be at the residence at the time of the incident. They were identified as: Araceli Mojica, Emmanuel Ortiz-Aguilar, Valentin Aguilar Ortiz, and Victor Flores Corona.

Araceli Mojica, Emmanuel Ortiz-Aguilar, Valentin Aguilar Ortiz, and Victor Flores Corona were all booked at the Tulare County Pretrial Facility for 273a(a) PC, Child Endangerment.

Eustajia Dominguez Mojica was booked at the Tulare County Pretrial Facility for 192(b) PC, Involuntary Manslaughter, and 273a(a) PC, Child Endangerment.

Drug charges related to the marijuana are being recommended to the Tulare County District Attorney's Office against all the adult suspects.

This investigation is on-going. Anyone with information is urged to contact Det. Rob Meier at (559) 713-4211 or Det. Henry Martinez at (559) 713-4156.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/VC/Narcs

Supervisor: Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36

