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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
November 8, 2021

VPD Report Number: 21-091595

Date/Time Occurred: 11/03/2021 1440 Hours.

Type of Incident:
Felony Child Abuse

Location: 3300 block of W. Sunnyside Ave.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Imagination Playhouse

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Amanda Taylor

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Yes

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Details: On 11/3/2021 at approximately 1440 hours, the Visalia Police Department received a call for service regarding an unconscious 1 year old female infant at the Imagination Playhouse daycare in the 3300 block of W Sunnyside Ave. Medical personnel arrived on scene, began life saving measures, and transported the juvenile to Kaweah Health by ambulance.

The Visalia Police Department responded to Kaweah Health and were informed by doctors that the juvenile sustained non accidental injuries. The infant was in critical condition and was airlifted to Valley Children's Hospital.

The Violent Crimes Unit was asked to take over the investigation. After executing a search warrant at the Imagination Playhouse daycare and conducting numerous interviews, detectives learned that the infant sustained her injuries while at the daycare and under the care of Amanda Taylor. It was also learned that Taylor was the only adult who had contact with the victim during that timeframe.

On 11/05/2021, the Violent Crimes Unit obtained a no bail arrest warrant for Amanda Taylor. Taylor was arrested without incident and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

The Violent Crimes Unit asks that anyone with additional information about this incident or parents whose children experienced suspicious injuries while in the care of Imagination Playhouse contact Detective Andrew Saelee at (559)713-4576. Those wishing to remain Anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip Line at (559)734-5302.



Update

Despite the efforts of Kaweah Health and Valley Children's Hospital, the juvenile victim passed away from her injuries on 11/08/2021. The charges for Amanda Taylor have been amended to include homicide.

The Violent Crimes Unit received additional reports of child abuse by Amanda Taylor and is conducting additional investigations. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Andrew Saelee.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/ Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Agent Henry Martinez

