

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR

CHICKASAW COUNTY

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
 Submitted to County Attorney
 Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Agency Case Number: **17-014338**

Arrest Date: _____

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last HARRIS		First CHEYANNE		Middle RENAE		Suffix	
Address 301 WALNUT STREET				City RICEVILLE		State IA	Zip Code 50466
Date of Birth 2/17/1997		Gender FEMALE	Race WHITE - W		Ethnicity NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N		
State IA	Height 5' 07"	Weight 130 LBS	Eye Color BLUE - BLU		Hair Color BLONDE OR STRAWBERRY - BLN		

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section 707.2(1)(E)	Crime Description MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE		Class FELA	
Location Type 20 - RESIDENCE/HOME							
Literal Description							
Address 304 W WILSON APT # 7				City ALTA VISTA		State IA	Zip Code 50603
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? YES		Incident Date or Low Range 08/30/2017		Upper Date Range	Incident Time or Low Range 00:30		Upper Time Range

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY		<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN	

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did having malice aforethought, kill Sterling Koehn, a child, while committing child endangerment under section 726.6(1)(b), circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life
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VICTIM INFORMATION (Optionally displayed, especially if NCO is requested)

Last KOEHN		First STERLING		Middle DANIEL		Suffix	
Business/Organization/State/County/Municipality Name							
Address 304 E WILSON ST APT # 7				City ALTA VISTA		State IA	Zip 50603

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, CHICKASAW COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime _____

August 30, 2017 at 12:57 pm a "911" call came in to the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office from Zachary Koehn requesting an ambulance to his residence. A the time of the call Koehn told the dispatcher that at 9:00 his girlfriend, Cheyanne Harris, fed their 4 month old baby and he was fine. He said then at 11:00 or 11:30 am she checked again and he had died. Deputies and first responders went to apartment # 7

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at 304 W. Wilson in Alta Vista, IA. Zachary Koehn, Cheyanne Harris and their two young children live together at this address. On arrival it was confirmed that Sterling Daniel Koehn had died. The infant was found seated in a powered swing/seat in a bedroom separate from where Zachary, Cheyanne and their older child slept. Sterling Daniel Koehn was born May 1, 2017. In subsequent statements made by Zachary Koehn and Cheyanne Harris they claimed Sterling had actually been checked on last the previous day (August 29, 2017). On the morning of August 31, 2017, the body of Sterling Daniel Koehn underwent an autopsy at the State Medical Examiner's office in Ankeny, Iowa. At the time of the autopsy it was learned that the infant had died at a weight of 3152 grams (under seven pounds) and was 35.5 centimeters in length (14 inches). Both these measurements placed the infant at well below the 5th percentile in size and weight. Sterling's body was found to have maggots in various stages of development in his clothing and on his skin. Identification and study of the maggots found on the body was conducted by a Forensic Entomologist and used to provide a time line. The study of the maggots growth and development indicated that the child had not had a diaper change, bath, or been removed from the seat in over a week. Investigation of the incident led to the discovery that the parents' account of the death of the child was inconsistent with the findings of the autopsy and investigation. The State Medical Examiner has ruled the death a Homicide. The cause of death was a failure to provide critical care. The facts of this case go far beyond neglect and show circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life.

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Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

GENERAL PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant Implicated		
03 - ADMISSION/STATEMENTS, 07 - IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES, 09 - NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, 13 - CAUSED PERSONAL INJURY, 14 - OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE		
Operating Motor Vehicle in County	Other Physical Evidence	Attempted To Inflict Injury

STATE OF IOWA, CHICKASAW COUNTY

	Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 10/24/2017	Signature of Verifying Party
	Notary Name KERI M. STEPAN	<i>Keri M. Stepan</i>
	Commission Number 774803	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting At
	My Commission Expires 09/14/2018	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting Attorney