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CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION 800 BLOCK OF WEST ROGER ROAD

On May 5, 2020, just before 1:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division West were dispatched to a residence in the 800 block of W. Roger Road for the report of a shooting. Prior to their arrival, officers were informed that the victim was a small child.

Upon arrival, officers located the child with obvious signs of gunshot trauma. Officers immediately began rendering aid with the use of their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK). Medics from the Tucson Fire Department responded and transported the child to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Sadly, the child was declared deceased shortly after arrival. Detectives from the Child Physical Abuse Unit and Homicide Unit responded to continue the investigation. Several interviews were conducted and detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence. At the conclusion of the search and interviews, detectives arrested 19-year-old **William Skinner**, a family member of the victim and his girlfriend, 22-year-old **Valerie Faidley**. Both were charged with felony child abuse and transported to the Pima County Jail.

Details are limited at this time; however, investigators believe the shooting appears to be accidental and self-inflicted after the child found a handgun in the home. The victim has been identified as 3-year-old **Bryson Skinner**. Next of kin has been notified.



William Skinner



Valerie Faidley

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