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KOKOMO MAN CHARGED IN DEATH OF 8 WEEK OLD CHILD

Kokomo, IN - The Howard County Prosecutor's Office announced today that it has charged Jaquail Iman Smith, age 22, with Murder, a Felony; Aggravated Battery, a Level 1 Felony; Voluntary Manslaughter, a Level 2 Felony and the Prosecutor further filed a Petition for Sentencing of life Imprisonment without Parole.

The Informations allege as follows:

Count 1, Murder - That on or about November 8, 2017, at or near 1308 E. Alto Rd., K115, Kokomo, Howard County, State of Indiana, Jaquail Iman Smith did knowingly or intentionally kill another human being, to-wit: August M.

Count 2, Aggravated Battery - That on or about November 8, 2017, at or near 1308 E. Alto Rd., K115, Kokomo, Howard County, State of Indiana, Jaquail Iman Smith, a person over the age of 18 years, did knowingly or intentionally inflict injury on August M., a person under the age of 14 years, to-wit: 8 weeks old, that resulted in the death of August M.

Count 3, Voluntary Manslaughter - That on or about November 8, 2017, at or near 1308 E. Alto Rd., K115, Kokomo, Howard County, State of Indiana, Jaquail Iman Smith did knowingly or intentionally kill another human being, to-wit: August M., while acting under sudden heat.

Further, Mark a. McCann, Prosecuting Attorney, filed a Petition stating that Jaquail Iman Smith should be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole, alleging that that on or about the 8th of November, 2017, in Howard County, State of Indiana, an aggravating circumstance arose, in that Smith committed a murder, and the victim of the murder was less than twelve (12) years of age, to-wit: August M., approximately 8 weeks old, and if convicted of murder, Smith be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole as set forth in IC 35-50-2-9(b)(12).

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These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Kokomo Police Department and the Howard County Prosecutor's Office.

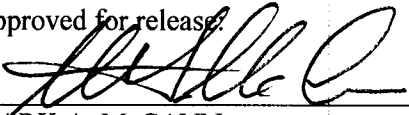
The Honorable Brant Parry, Judge of the Howard County Superior Court 2, found probable cause for the issuance of a Warrant for the arrest of Mr. Smith on November 22, 2017. Bond has been set in the amount of \$500,000.00, 10% cash is not allowed. On November 22, 2017, at approximately 3:00 p.m.(EDT) Mr. Smith was arrested by the Kokomo Police Department and transported to the Howard County Criminal Justice Center.

Prosecutor McCann stated that "the case is still under investigation and anyone having information concerning this case should contact Detective Brent Wines of the Kokomo Police Department or the Howard County Prosecutor's Office".

A copy of the Charging Informations and Affidavit for Probable Cause are attached for reference.

The Howard County Prosecutor's Office emphasized that the filing of the Informations are merely allegations and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Approved for release:



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