

Arrest Report



BAKER COUNTY SO
1 SHERIFF'S OFFICE DRIVE
MACCLENNY, FL 32063

Report Date / Time 7/19/2023 01:49 PM	Report Number BCSO23CR00421S	Case Number/Cad Number BCSO23OFF001585 / BCSO23CAD023645	Reporting Officer Name DOUGHERTY, BRAD
Originating Agency ORI FL0020000	Occur Date Time Range 07/19/2023 13:12:03 -	Jurisdiction IN JURISDICTION	
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Location of Occurrence

County BAKER	Location Type	Location Description SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE			
Street Number	Street ESTATES ST	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City MACCLENNY	State FL	Zip Code 32063

Suspect

First Name RHONDA	Middle Name CHARMANE	Last Name JEWELL	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height 5'01"	Weight 150	Hair BROWN	Eyes GREEN
MNI # BCSO11MNI007953	SSN	Date of Birth	Age 46	ID Type E	Drivers License or other ID	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:	UNITED STATES								
Address [REDACTED]									

Arrest

Arrest Date/Time 7/19/2023 5:06:32 PM	Arrest Location Type	Arrest Location Description				
Street Number	Street	Apt/Lot/Bldg	County	City	State	Zip Code

Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 782.07.3	Bond Amount \$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Charge Degree F	Charge Level FELONY		
General Offense Code COMMITTED	Arrest Offense Code HOMICIDE-NEGLIG MANSL		
Charge Description AGGRAVATED OF CHILD			
Administrative Code - Description -			

Probable Cause

The defendant, Rhonda Jewell, did violate the offense of Aggravated Manslaughter of a child, contrary to F.S.S. 782.07.3, by leaving an infant child unattended in a non-running vehicle, while outside temperatures were 98 degrees Fahrenheit, with temperatures inside the vehicle reaching over 133 degrees, for a period of at least 5 hours, resulting in the death of the infant.

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On 07/19/2023, [REDACTED], the mother of the deceased infant and reporting person, called the Baker County Sheriff's Office to report she found her 10-month-old female child, [REDACTED], not breathing with the child's lips being blue. BCSO patrol units responded to the address of [REDACTED] Estate St. in Macclenny, FL. where deputies found the infant inside the garage, lying on the seat of a golf cart and began life saving measures. Rescue personnel arrived on scene and transported the infant to Ed Fraser hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The responding deputies, along with rescue personnel, noted the infant's skin was very hot to the touch.

I, (Detective Dougherty), responded to the E.R. where I conducted an exam of the deceased infant. I found the child's skin to still be very hot to the touch and requested medical staff take an internal temperature of the infant. The medical staff provided me with an internal temperature of 110 degrees, but stated that 110 is highest tempature the thermomater could read, and an external temperature of 102.1. I observed no trauma or marks on the infant.

I was advised by patrol units, the defendant was supposed to be baby sitting the infant, along with three other children at the address of [REDACTED] Estate St. The defendant supposedly picked the decedent up at 0800 hours from the address of [REDACTED]. This is the location the decedent lives with her parents. The defendant then traveled to the address on Estate St. where she was going to babysit all four children. However, the defendant forgot she had the infant child in the vehicle and the decedent was not located until 1312 hours.

I relocated to the Baker County Sheriff's Office where I met with the defendant who was already in an interview room, as placed there by patrol units. I informed the defendant she was not currently under arrest but due to the fact she was in the sheriff's office and may not feel free to leave, I would advise her of her Constitutional Rights. Det. Curry, who was also present in the interview room, read her Miranda rights. She stated she understood and was willing to talk. The defendant stated she has been babysitting the decedent off and on since June of this year. She advised on this date; she picked the infant up from the infant's home. She then drove to Burger King in Macclenny but noticed the line was too long, so she left. She then drove to the residence on Estate St. where she was to begin her babysitting job for the day. She advised she assumed the infant was asleep, so she went inside the residence and began interacting with the other children. She advised she forgot all about the infant being left in the car. I asked her, since she made the comment, she assumed the child was asleep did she plan on returning later to retrieve the child. She advised no because she completely forgot the child was there. It wasn't until the decedent's mother arrived at the address on Estate St., to pick up her child, that the decedent's mother found her to still be strapped in a car seat inside the hot vehicle. It should be noted, the other children were found to be safe and taken care of inside the home. The defendant was the only adult present at the time of this incident.

Det. Cone went to the residence on Estate St. to process the vehicle. She noted the vehicle was left with the door open after the child was removed. With the door open, Det. Cone stated Baker County Fire and Rescue was still able to get a reading of 133 degrees inside the vehicle. The vehicle was photographed as well as the interior of the home.

The defendant was placed under arrest for the aggravated manslaughter of a child resulting in death and taken to the Baker County Detention Center.

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Jail Booking Facility

Booking Date/Time	Booking County	Booking Facility	Booking Facility Phone
Booking Facility Location		Booking Number	
Booking Comments			

Person: OTHER

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
MNI # BCSO23MNI002527	SSN	Date of Birth	Age 3	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Address									

Person: OTHER

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
MNI # BCSO23MNI002526	SSN	Date of Birth	Age 3	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Address									

Person: VICTIM

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth	Age 0	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:		UNITED STATES							
Address									

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Person: OTHER

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height 5'04"	Weight 170	Hair BROWN	Eyes BROWN
MNI # BCSO23MNI002022	SSN	Date of Birth	Age 23	ID Type E	Drivers License or other ID	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:	UNITED STATES								
Address									

Person: OTHER

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height 5'01"	Weight 105	Hair BROWN	Eyes BROWN
MNI # BCSO10MNI007093	SSN	Date of Birth	Age 29	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Address * RESIDENCE / ESTATES ST , MACCLENNY, FL 32063 /									

Person: OTHER


First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
MNI # BCSO23MNI002525	SSN	Date of Birth	Age 9	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Address									

Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
DOUGHERTY, BRAD OPS. DETEC 0153	REPORTING OFFICER	BAKER COUNTY SO BCSO\INVESTIGATIONS

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The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the probable cause associated with this report:

Reporting Officer

Officer Name DOUGHERTY, BRAD	Office Rank OPS. DETEC	Officer ID No 0153	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, _____ DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT
Officer Agency BAKER COUNTY SO	Officer Signature 		

<input type="radio"/> No Bill / Petition	<input type="radio"/> Issue Warrant	<input type="radio"/> Prosecution Approved	_____ Signature of Assistant State Attorney	_____ Date
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