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## **Glendale Police Arrest Suspect in the Death of 18mo Child**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, May 16, 2019, Glendale Police arrested Austin Parker (24yo) for his involvement in the tragic death of an 18-month-old female child. On September 4, 2016 Glendale officers responded to a 911 call regarding an injured child at a residence near 8100 N. 61 Avenue. First responders arrived on scene and found the child to be unresponsive. The child was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Investigators responded to conduct the investigation and found that Austin was the sole caregiver at the home with the child at the time of the incident. Upon further interviews being performed, Austin admitted to being frustrated with the child and squeezing her while yelling as well as accidentally elbowing the child's abdomen. The Medical Examiners Office conducted their investigation and were able to identify multiple injuries sustained by the child to include trauma that matched events that Austin had provided during his interview.

Upon receipt of the medical expert's findings and review with a pediatric trauma surgeon of the nonaccidental injuries, investigators with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Glendale Police Department placed Austin Parker under arrest and booked him on the charge of homicide, child abuse and sexual misconduct with a minor.



Suspect: Austin Parker 24yo (booking photo as of 5/16/19)

*\*Spanish translation available\**

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