



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** January 29, 2024 just before 7:30 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-141069  
**Location:** 3300 East Van Buren Street  
**Victim:** Jody Jackson, 1-year-old male, deceased  
**Suspect:** Natalie Tate, 37-year-old female, MCSO Booking# G075230

**UPDATE: January 30, 2024**

Suspect Natalie Tate was booked into the Maricopa County Jail late last evening.

## **Toddler Dead from Possible Overdose**

(January 29, 2024): A woman is facing negligent homicide charges after her one-year-old son dies from possible drug exposure.

Phoenix police responded to an injured person call at an apartment near 32<sup>nd</sup> Place and Van Buren Street just before 7:30 am. When officers arrived, they found a toddler, later identified as one-year-old Jody Jackson, unconscious inside an apartment. The fire department responded and provided medical aid; however, Jackson died on scene. There was another child in the apartment who was unharmed.

Homicide detectives were called to take over the investigation. Investigators processed the scene and collected evidence. They later spoke to the victim's mother, Natalie Tate, who confirmed she was the caretaker for Jackson, and her other child, leading up to his death. Tate admitting to using drugs the night before and believed Jackson might have gained access to the container with drugs and ingested a pill.

Tate was booked into the Maricopa County Jail on one count of Negligent Homicide and two counts of Child Abuse. The investigation remains active as detectives await the findings of the post-mortem exam.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
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