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RE: Robert Hill Charged with First Degree Murder

Robert Edward Hill, DOB: 10-29-82, appeared in the Jefferson County Court yesterday, December 14, and was advised that he has been charged with an additional count. He has now been charged with first degree murder of a child under the age of 12 by a person in a position of trust, a class one felony.

Hill was previously charged with one count of reckless child abuse resulting in death (a class 2 felony) and he was also charged as a habitual child abuser (a sentence enhancer).

On December 5, Hill was arrested by Lakewood police for allegedly causing severe injuries and ultimately the death of two-year-old Tivian Petefish. According to court documents, when the child arrived at The Childrens' Hospital doctors found that she had "blood on the brain, blood in her stomach, and bruising the back, abdomen, and head." She ultimately died of her injuries.

Hill is being held without bond pending a hearing which will be held at the same time as his preliminary hearing on February 8, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. in Division E of the Jefferson County Court.

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