

Stanislaus County **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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MEDIA RELATIONS



NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE 1-15-10
TIME 12:30 PM

PATTERSON TODDLER'S MOTHER ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGES

Patterson, CA – On 1-14-10, at around 6:00 PM, Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to assist medical personnel on reports of a child who had drowned at 400 #Blk Thrush Dr, Patterson. When officers arrived at the residence they located the unresponsive victim, identified as 3 year old Alexandra Bigham.

Medical personnel and deputies on scene performed CPR on the child who was eventually transported by air ambulance to Doctor's Medical Center, Modesto. Alexandra was pronounced dead by medical staff at approximately 9:50 PM.

After investigating throughout the night detectives determined the drowning of the child was an intentional act by the victim's mother, Jennifer Bigham, 23 of Castro Valley. Jennifer was also found to have suffered non-life threatening, self-inflicted stab wounds to her upper torso.

After being treated by medical personnel Jennifer was transported to and booked into the Stanislaus County Public Safety Center on charges of murder and child abuse resulting in death.

Both Jennifer and Alexandra were visiting family members in Patterson and are originally from the Hayward area.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact at Detective Hedrick (209) 525-7083.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Andrew Winter (209) 652-0300, awinter@stanislaussheriff.com.

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