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Mother Arrested for 2nd Degree Murder of Baby

Glendale, Ariz. – On Friday June 9, 2017, at approximately 9:17 PM a father called 911 to report his 5-month-old baby was unresponsive and not breathing. Glendale officers responded to the apartment near 5800 N. 67th Ave and took over CPR efforts on the baby girl. She was transported to the hospital and was pronounced deceased less than an hour after the 911 call.

Through their investigative efforts, Glendale Police Detectives worked the case and throughout the night were able to develop probable cause to arrest 23-year-old mother Amber C. Sagarnaga for 2nd Degree Murder. The father reported that he had discovered the baby in her pack and play and she was completely covered by a comforter blanket. He reported that his fiancé, Sagarnaga had smothered their baby. Sagarnaga told detectives post miranda, that she had placed a heavy comforter over the baby's head and pushed down on her face to stop her from crying. Sagarnaga claimed the baby continued to cry and she left the comforter covering the baby's face for hours while she slept.

The Arizona Department of Child Services responded to the scene and took custody of the other two small children (1-year-old and 2-year-old) who are also Sagarnaga's children. The Glendale Police Department will not be providing information or comment on the DCS investigation. Please contact them directly for information. There will be no further updates at this time.

The form IV can be obtained from MCSO. A booking photo has been included below.

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