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ASHTON COLE SENSING FOR CHILD'S DEATH

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On December 2, 2023, Putnam County Sheriff's Office Responded to a call on J D Randolph Road in Putnam County regarding a 2-year-old child, Ventura Mora-Francisco, being found unresponsive. Soon after Deputies arrived the 2-year-old child was transported to Cookeville Regional Medical Center (CRMC) who was later transported to Vanderbilt Medical Children's Hospital for a Major Traumatic Brain Injury. Detective Sergeant Haworth, in charge of the death investigation, interviewed Sara Mora, mother, and **Ashton Cole Sensing**, live in boyfriend of mother, who was babysitting the child and 3 other children at the time the injury occurred.

During the interview **Sensing** stated that the child had fallen into the small air vent on the floor and then fell again causing the child to go unresponsive while he was sleeping on the couch in the living room area. Upon farther investigation **Sensing** admitted to Detective Sergeant Haworth about getting upset with the child on numerous occasions throughout the day which led to him throwing the child into a wall and hitting the child making him become unresponsive.

Later that day, Detective Sergeant Haworth received word from the Vanderbilt Medical Children's Hospital Staff that the child had suffered a Major Traumatic Brain Injury, and his injuries were inoperable and nonsurvivable. The injuries were also classified as non-accidental blunt trauma.

Three days later on December 5, 2023, the 2-year-old Ventura Mora-Francisco succumbed to his injuries and pronounced deceased at Vanderbilt Medical Children's Hospital from his injuries.

On December 7, 2023, Detective Sergeant Haworth obtained a First-Degree Murder warrant as well as an Aggravated Child Abuse warrant, which are currently outstanding.

Sensing has been "on the run" since December 6, 2023, and has been avoiding Law Enforcement since that time.

Sheriff Farris stated, "This is a very sad and unfortunate outcome that resulted in the brutal death of an innocent child. There is no more important resource than the future of our children."

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