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Case No. 20-9282

On June 16, 2020, at approximately 3:30 PM, Portage police arrested Tranaya Darnecia Spencer, age 21 of Portage, on a two-count felony warrant related to the death of a two-year-old girl left in her care.

The investigation began on March 13, 2020, when police and rescue personnel were called to an apartment in the 6000 block of Dove Court at approximately 4:00 PM. Upon arrival, Portage officers found an unresponsive two-year-old girl lying unconscious on the bathroom floor and officers immediately initiated CPR. Portage Fire/EMS personnel arrived on scene and took over life saving measures. The child was later transported to Bronson Methodist Hospital.

On March 17, 2020, the two-year-old was pronounced deceased. An autopsy was conducted by the Kalamazoo County Medical Examiner's Office who determined the child died as a result of homicide.

On June 17, 2020, Spencer was arraigned in 8th District Court on a two-count felony warrant for Homicide – Manslaughter and Child Abuse 3rd Degree. Bond was set at \$100,000 cash/surety.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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