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12-MONTH -OLD KILLED BY 15-YEAR-OLD MOTHER'S BOYFRIEND

15-Year-Old Boyfriend Admits to Beating Baby

OAKLAND, August 30—On 29 Aug 04, at approx. 5:00 a.m., homicide investigators were called out to investigate a suspicious death of a young child. A fifteen-year-old mother and her 15-year-old boyfriend were on foot in the area of 62nd Avenue and Bromley Street with an unresponsive 12-month-old, attempting to get someone to call 911. Officers responding to the scene were told that the three had spent the night in the 6000 block of Holway Street.

Paramedics at the scene informed the officers that the baby appeared to have suspicious bruises. The baby was transported to Children's Hospital where she was pronounced dead. It has been determined by the Alameda County Coroner's Office that the baby's cause of death was multiple blunt trauma.

The fifteen-year-old boyfriend has admitted to beating the baby and is in custody for the death of the child. The baby's name is Juliana VanCleave. Her date of birth is August 13, 2003.

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