



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE MAKE SECOND ARREST IN CHILD NEGLECT CASE

Salem Police have charged the mother of the four-year-old boy who died in the hospital on Sunday with two felony counts of Child Neglect. Danielle J. Burnett, 27, of Salem was arrested late Monday by officers and later released by the Roanoke County-Salem Magistrate on an unsecured bond.

Burnett's boyfriend, Antonio J. Lebron, also was charged with two felony counts of Child Neglect in connection with the death. He was arrested on September 25 and is being held at the Roanoke County-Salem Jail without bond.

On September 24, at approximately 6:54 p.m., officers from the Salem Police Department along with Salem Fire & EMS members responded to the 100 block of Front Avenue in reference to a call of an unresponsive child. The emergency call said the child had been injured after falling down some stairs at the house.

Upon arrival, emergency responders located a four-year-old male who was unconscious, but still breathing. The child was transported to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital that Thursday evening with serious injuries and died three days later on Sunday, September 27.

The incident is still under investigation and additional charges are pending.

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