

Investigation into baby's death leads to arrest

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Police arrested Jamie James Lykins and charged him with Battery resulting in death and Neglect of a Dependent, both Class A Felonies.

The charges stem from his alleged involvement in the death of 8-month-old Leelan Crain.

The following is a story that appeared in this week's issue of The Washington County Edition. More details from the investigation can be found in the Sept. 18 issue of The Washington County Edition.

In the evening hours of Saturday, Sept. 7, Leelan Crain, eight months old from Salem, was found unresponsive by his mother while Leelan was taking a nap. Leelan's mother and her boyfriend took Leelan to the St. Vincent's Hospital in Salem by personal vehicle. Once at the hospital in Salem, Leelan was transported to the Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY by air ambulance. He was pronounced dead at approximately 1:41 a.m.

An autopsy was performed this morning on Leelan Crain at the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office in Louisville. The autopsy preliminarily determined the cause of death as blunt force trauma to the head. The official and final determination of the cause of death to Leelan Crain will not be made until the autopsy results are complete which typically takes up to six weeks.

This is the only information that can be released at this time. As information becomes available I will release it.

Assisting Agency Salem City Police Department.