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MEDIA RELEASE

On October 7, 2017, Gladstone Public Safety responded to Thorntree Apartments for an unresponsive child. An investigation was conducted by law enforcement and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Gladstone police officers arrested Michaela Maupin, 29, after establishing probable cause in connection with the death of her 15-month old daughter.

Prosecutor Philip Strom has charged Maupin with one count of Second-Degree Murder. It is alleged that the 15-month old child drowned after being unsupervised for an unreasonable amount of time in a bath tub with running water. Further investigation is ongoing.

Michaela Maupin has been arraigned in 94th District Court in Delta County. Further information regarding the defendant's bond and future court hearings can be obtained through District Court.

As in all criminal cases, any charges are accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Maupin's other minor children were removed from the home and a petition was filed in Delta County Probate Court requesting the court take jurisdiction over the children.

Prosecutor Strom said, "Child abuse often is a hidden and silent crime. In this case, a convergence of events led to the death of a child. The alleged evidence in this case will show a wanton and willful disregard for the life of a child. The Delta County Prosecutor's Office and local law enforcement will continue to be vigilant in protecting our children."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip L. Strom".

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