



**Chief of Police Murphy Paul**

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## SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR CHILD'S DEATH

Baton Rouge Police Homicide Detectives have arrested AARON HAWKINS, 23, 3003 SOUTH RIVER RD for the death of a 5 year old female. The 5 year old female victim was transported to a local hospital on April 6, 2022 after being unresponsive from injuries. Hospital staff alerted law enforcement after observing trauma with bruising on the victim's body.

Hawkins was arrested on April 6, 2022 for Cruelty to a Juvenile and booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

An autopsy was performed by the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office who ruled the victim's death a homicide. Baton Rouge Police upgraded Hawkins arrest charge to 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder.

Anyone having any additional information on this incident is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at (225)389-4869 or Crime Stoppers at (225)344-7867.

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