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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Sheboygan Police Investigating Child Death Follow Up**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**DATE: April 25, 2018**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT**

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**CASE NO. C18-08034**

**Follow up: The Sheboygan Police Department has determined the death of the child was accidental. The investigation revealed that the victim was napping in a portable crib and was found to have climbed out of the crib and suffocated after becoming entangled in cords attached to window blinds on a window in the room.**

**The caregiver reported that she cares for her own children and other children on a daily basis. The home is not a licensed as a daycare. The investigation has been referred to Sheboygan County Health and Human Services and the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.**

**At the conclusion of the investigation the case will be reviewed by the Sheboygan County District Attorney's Office.**

**The victim's family and caregiver have a relationship beyond the childcare services. We ask that the public keeps in mind the traumatic experience both are going through at this time and respect their privacy. We share the thoughts and prayers of the entire Sheboygan Community with them.**

**We also recognize the danger to young children of certain window blinds in our homes and businesses. We ask that you use this tragedy as an opportunity to safeguard your home or business.**

**Information can be found at:**

**<https://wehavekids.com/parenting/How-To-Make-Your-Window-Blind-Cords-Safe-For-Toddlers>**

**On 4/24/18, at approximately 2:06 P.M, Sheboygan Police and Sheboygan Fire responded to a private residence in the 600 block of N. 27th in Sheboygan for a report of an unresponsive one year old male child. The child was transported to St. Nicholas hospital in Sheboygan where he pronounced deceased. Sheboygan Police are continuing to investigate and additional information will be released when it becomes available. An autopsy is pending.**

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