

BCSO's & State Attorney's Press Releases On The Arrest Of Kathleen Edwards

March 31, 2021 - Kathleen EDWARDS Charged with Aggravated Manslaughter in Drowning Death of Child

Today (Mar 31), Kathleen EDWARDS, (35) was arrested on one count of Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child, (F1) in connection to the June 27, 2020, drowning incident resulting in the death of her 18 month-old son, Gregory Edwards Jr. on July 2, 2020.

After a months long extensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the child's death, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office presented their findings for review. Additional investigation directed by our office, along with statements from witnesses, reports from the Department of Children and Families, and physical evidence collected at the family home, resulted in a decision to proceed with criminal prosecution.

In a statement State Attorney Phil Archer said, "The death of child is a devastating event and carries with it an emotional burden unlike any other. As a society, we understand that sense of loss, but we also charge law enforcement with the duty to determine if any abuse or neglect contributed to the death."

Archer went on to say, "The decision to prosecute is always difficult, but the evidence in this case overwhelmingly revealed that this tragedy was entirely preventable. The identified circumstances that contributed to Gregory's death, also demanded that we seek court ordered intervention on behalf of Ms. Edwards, and her surviving minor daughter."

EDWARDS voluntarily surrendered to Volusia County Deputies after a warrant was issued for her arrest. EDWARDS is expected to post bond of \$25,000 at the Volusia County Jail. No trial date has been set in this case. Please consult the Brevard Clerk of Courts website for updates on future court appearances by this defendant.

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NR 21-17 *Update* – Kathleen Princess Edwards Charged with Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child

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***Update* – Kathleen Princess Edwards Charged with Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child**

On March 31, 2021, 35-year-old Kathleen Princess Edwards, formerly of Grant-Valkaria, surrendered herself to the Volusia County Jail under a \$25,000.00 bond on the Brevard County charge of **Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child**, a First-Degree Felony, stemming from the June 27, 2020, drowning death of her then 18-month-old son Gregory Edwards, Jr.

After comprehensive investigations by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Children and Families, the Child Protective Team of Brevard and the Office of the State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit of Florida; the Office of the State Attorney filed the formal charge on March 22, 2021. The filing of a formal charge in Brevard Circuit Criminal Court led to the issuance of a *Capias* (a writ ordering the arrest of a person) for Edwards to appear to answer to the criminal charge.

Aggravated Manslaughter of a Child requires the State of Florida to prove that: 1) a victim is dead; 2) the death of the victim was caused by the culpable negligence of the defendant; and 3) that the victim was at the time a child, and the victim's death was caused by the neglect of a caregiver for the victim. Neglect of a child occurs when a caregiver fails to provide a child with the care, supervision, and services necessary to maintain the child's physical and mental health that a prudent person would consider essential for the well-being of the child. A caregiver is defined as a parent, adult household member, or other person responsible for a child's welfare.

During the course of the comprehensive investigations, it was determined that Edwards, failed to properly secure her pool and failed to supervise her infant child, leading to the drowning death of Gregory Edwards, Jr.

On March 22, 2021, Edwards was informed of the *Capias* and was provided the opportunity to voluntarily surrender. On March 31, 2021, Edwards self-surrendered, and was formally arrested and released on bond pending this criminal matter.

A copy of the redacted Criminal Investigation can be reviewed at the following link: [Gregory Edwards Jr. Drowning Investigation redacted](#)

For additional information concerning this News Release, please call PIO Tod Goodyear of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office at 321-501-7594.