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Detectives handle suspicious death of child

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The investigation into the suspicious death of a six-year-old child led to the arrest of the boy's father, Robby-Joe Alexander Davenport, and Davenport's domestic partner, Cierra Wiedner.

Davenport, age 29, and Wiedner, age 25, were each charged with criminal mistreatment in the first degree.

An autopsy was completed by the State Medical Examiner's Office, not the [Marion County Medical Examiner's Office](#) as previously reported.

No further information is available for release by the Salem Police Department. Media inquiries concerning this investigation will now be handled by the [Marion County District Attorney's Office](#).

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Salem, Ore. — Salem Police detectives are currently investigating the death of a six-year-old child.

At approximately 8:45 a.m. today, emergency responders were called to a residence in the [600 block of 18th ST SE](#) on the call of a child reported to be unresponsive. The child was transported by ambulance to Salem Health where they later died.

An autopsy will be performed by the [Marion County Medical Examiner's Office](#) to determine the cause of death.

At this time the incident is being handled by the Salem Police Special Victims Unit as a suspicious death investigation. No further information is being released.

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