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### Infant Homicide Investigation: **Update**

ABILENE, TX – The Abilene Police Department arrested 22 year old Damian Scott Cate and charged him with First Degree Felony Murder and Second Degree Felony Tampering/ Fabricating with Physical Evidence with Intent to Impair Human Corpse for his connection to the homicide investigation involving the infant discovered at a home on the 400 Block of S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Cate is the boyfriend of the 18 yr. old female who gave birth to the infant. This investigation is ongoing and more arrests are probable.



Damian Cate  
DOB 05/28/93

#### Original Release:

At 8:33 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2016, employees of Hendrick Hospital called the Abilene Police Department due to suspicious circumstances. An 18 year old female had arrived at the hospital for treatment for severe bleeding. Upon examination, medical personnel determined the bleeding was due to her giving birth to a full-term baby within the last few hours. The female was not accompanied by the infant. Medical personnel called police for assistance.

Detectives responded to the 400 Block of S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street from information gathered through the investigation. Detectives were able to locate tissue remains inside the sewer of the residence and later located the body of the infant hidden inside the residence. There was visible trauma to the body of the infant and this case is being treated as a homicide. Police continue to question several suspects and this is an active investigation. More information will be released at a later time.

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