



# News Release

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**Media Advisory: Arrests made in Newberry homicide**

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office has made two arrests in the death of a five-year-old boy. The original incident occurred on December 27, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. Deputies responded to 616 N.W. 255<sup>th</sup> Drive in Newberry, Florida, after receiving a 911 call that a child was unresponsive and not breathing.

The victim, Javarian Wallace was transported to North Florida Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

The victim's aunt, **Alice J. Owens B/F 08/14/56**, and mother, **Valerie Sharonne Owens B/F 11/13/85**, were both arrested today at the incident location. They have been charged with Homicide and Child Neglect. Both will be held with NO BOND.

On December 28, 2011, an autopsy was conducted on the victim that indicated he suffered multiple traumatic injuries to his body. Both defendants stated they were the only caretakers for the child on the day of the incident.

The investigation is still active and ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Alachua County Sheriff's Office at (352) 955-1818 or CrimeStoppers at (352) 372-STOP.

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