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County Police Make Two Arrests in Homicide of 3-Year-Old Girl *Warrant Issued for Third Individual Being Sought*

Allegheny County – On June 9, 2020 at 1:54 p.m., Oakmont Police responded to the 500 block of Tenth Street for an unresponsive 3-year-old child. When officers and paramedics arrived, they found the child appearing to be badly bruised and malnourished. Officers and medics performed life saving measures and transported the child to an area hospital where the child was pronounced deceased.

Oakmont Police requested the investigative assistance of the County Police Investigations Division. Detectives from the Homicide Unit and Child Abuse Unit responded to the scene and hospital to initiate an investigation. It was determined that the child suffered from prolonged physical and mental abuse.

Through the course of the investigation, detectives determined that the child's father, 29-year-old Jose Eduardo Salazar-Ortiz Sr., the child's stepmother, 27-year-old Laura Michelle Ramriez, and Ramriez's sister, 20-year-old Alexis Herrera, were responsible for the child's death. Each has been charged with criminal homicide, criminal conspiracy, aggravated assault of a child, aggravated indecent assault of a child, and endangering the welfare of a child. Herrera and Ramriez have additional charges of unlawful restraint and false imprisonment.

Ortiz and Ramriez were taken into custody by County Police Homicide detectives and Cranberry Township Police in Cranberry Township. They are awaiting arraignment at the Allegheny County Jail.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Alexis Melissa Herrera. She is described as a Hispanic female with black hair and brown eyes. She is 5'06" in height and weighs approximately 220 pounds. Anyone with information concerning her whereabouts is asked to call the Allegheny County Police tip line 1-833-ALL-TIPS (1-833-255-8477).

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