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***CARETAKER CHARGED WITH INVOLUNTARY
MANSLAUGHTER AND FELONY FIREARM***

Today, Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy, charged Tonya M. Hardoway, age 46, with Involuntary Manslaughter and Felony Firearm for the killing of a two-year-old child in the 7000 block of Frederick Street in the City of Detroit on March 28, 2004.

Involuntary Manslaughter carries a maximum penalty of 15 years and/or \$7500. Felony Firearm carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison.

Prosecutor Worthy stated: "This is a tragedy that is preventable. Please keep your firearms locked and in a secure place. Always exercise caution in handling a firearm. Assume that the weapon is loaded. Every year countless deaths are caused because someone failed to follow these simple rules."

The arraignment will take place at 36th District Court.

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