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LINCOLN PARK MAN CHARGED IN DEATH OF HIS EIGHT-DAY OLD DAUGHTER

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Christopher Ryan Richardson, 21 of Lincoln Park in connection with the death of his eight-day old daughter. Mr. Richardson has been charged with Felony Murder, which carries a mandatory life sentence without parole. Additionally, he has been charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct First Degree, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, and Child Abuse First Degree, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

On Friday, November 23, 2007 at approximately 12:00 a.m., Lincoln Park Police were contacted by hospital officials regarding a severely abused infant in critical condition. The infant died as a result of her injuries on Saturday, November 24, 2007 at approximately 2:25 a.m. An autopsy was conducted and the cause of death was ruled a homicide.

"The facts in this case are extremely disturbing. It is an abomination that a child cannot exist for 8 days without being abused," said Prosecutor Worthy. "The allegations are the biological father horribly abused his infant child. There is no way to make sense of this."

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He was previously charged with Domestic Violence Third Degree on November 24, 2007 in connection with the alleged assault of Cynthia Ann Goscicki, 21 who is the mother of the deceased child. He is currently being held on \$100,000 bond. His preliminary examination will be held on December 4, 2007 in 25th District Court.

Contact the Lincoln Park Police Department at (313) 381-1800 for arraignment information.

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