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PROSECUTOR ISSUES CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF TWO-YEAR OLD ISAAC LETHBRIDGE

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy announced charges against Charlise Rogers, 59 of Detroit in connection with the August 16, 2006 death of two year-old Isaac Lethbridge. The death occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. at 18066 Greenlawn in Detroit. Issac and his sister Emma were placed in foster care with Ms. Rogers on June 29, 2006. The Lula Belle Stewart Center in Detroit made the placement of the Lethbridge children.

Isaac Lethbridge died as a result of multiple blunt force trauma and multiple second-degree burns on his upper chest, abdomen, and behind his right ear.

Ms. Rogers is charged with Involuntary Manslaughter, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, and Child Abuse Second Degree, which carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison. She is also charged with Child Abuse Second Degree in connection with the injuries sustained by Emma Lethbridge.

"Whether we place our children in day care, latch key care or foster care, we expect them to be safe and protected from danger. This is something that every parent wants for their child," said Prosecutor Worthy.

Arrangements are being made by the Detroit Police Department for Ms. Rogers to be arraigned.

The Lula Belle Stewart Center has since had its license suspended by the State. For further information about the permanent license revocation, contact Ms. Linda Lee of the Office of Children and Adult Licensing at 248-975-5060.

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