

Fort Stewart soldier charged with murdering child

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A Fort Stewart soldier has been charged with killing his fiancé's 3-year-old daughter.

Police say Trevor Thomas Cushman-Clifton, 24, killed the child July 27, probably through blunt-force trauma.

Cushman-Clifton's 23-year-old fiancé, who is a soldier in his unit, left the girl in Cushman-Clifton's care while out with friends that night. She hadn't been gone long when police and an ambulance were called to her home, Hinesville Detective Tracey Howard said.

The girl was unresponsive when EMTs got there. They tried to revive her, but she was pronounced dead at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Evidence indicates the girl was killed by blunt-force trauma, Howard said. Police are still waiting for the girl's autopsy report.

A warrant for Cushman-Clifton's arrest was issued Thursday, and he was taken to Hinesville police by military police and being held at the Liberty County jail, charged with murder and cruelty to children.

Howard said the mother had taken the girl to Winn Army Community Hospital in the days before her death. The girl was lethargic, he said, and wasn't eating or drinking normally, symptoms Howard said are consistent with a child who has experienced head trauma. He said the girl may have suffered the injury that killed her before July 27.

Police don't believe the mother suspected abuse and aren't charging her with any crime. Howard said Cushman-Clifton had been dating the woman off and on for about two years but had gotten serious recently after returning from being deployed overseas together.

Bailiff tries to drive into Liberty County Courthouse

A court bailiff tried to drive his Mercedes through the Liberty County Courthouse on Friday, police say. He was charged with a recent divorce.

James Gregory Frasier Jr., a 44-year-old Hinesville resident and a Liberty County court bailiff, has been charged with a criminal attempt to commit property damage, reckless conduct and terroristic acts. He's being held at the Liberty County jail.

Police were called to the courthouse about 11 a.m. Detective Tracey Howard said Frasier drove his car into a barrier outside the rear entrance to the courthouse. No one was injured, and the planter had only minor damage, Howard said.

"(The planter is) designed to stop vehicles from being able to drive into the justice center, and it performed as intended," Howard said.

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