



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On November 7, 2007, Officers responded to an apartment complex in Hawthorne, regarding a child abuse investigation. During their preliminary investigation, the 5-month-old victim had been transported by paramedics to a nearby hospital, due to having a seizure. The victim was transferred to Miller Children's Hospital Intensive Care Unit, where he underwent surgery. Further investigation has revealed; the infant had sustained severe internal head injuries, consistent with non-accidental trauma.

Hawthorne Detectives assigned to this case, have discovered there was a female eyewitness that had walked by the apartment, at approximately 2 a.m., and witnessed the suspect physically assault the victim. The eyewitness also overheard the suspect make a statement about intentionally harming the victim in Spanish. Detectives have canvassed the area and have been unable to locate the eyewitness.

The Hawthorne Police Department is actively seeking information and the identity of this eyewitness. If anyone has information that would assist in this investigation, we ask that you contact Detective Sean Galindo at (310) 349-2853 or the Detective Bureau at (310) 349-2820.

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