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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jacob Daniel Franklin, age 25, of Waterford, was arraigned on felony charges of Child Abuse Causing Death and Second Degree Murder this afternoon before the Honorable Ricardo Cordova. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston appeared at the arraignment. Franklin's bail was set at \$2 million.

The case arose out of events that occurred on 16 February 2008 in the city of Waterford. Franklin had been babysitting the one and a half- year-old victim and her older brother when the victim stopped breathing. After being rushed to a local hospital, the victim was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed numerous injuries on the victim's body that indicated child abuse.

Franklin will be back to court on 24 April 2008 for pretrial and bail review hearings.

If convicted of all charges, Franklin could be sentenced to prison for 25 years to Life.

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