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Oro Valley child drowning investigation comes to a close

Oro Valley, Ariz. (January 28, 2014) –On November 2, 2013, the Oro Valley Police Department (OVPD) responded to the 9000 block of north Oracle Road in reference to an unresponsive child. The investigation revealed that a one-year-old child, Michael Martinez, was placed in the bathtub along with his four-year-old sibling by their father, Jesse Martinez, a 30-year-old male. Approximately 45 minutes later, Mr. Martinez checked on the children and found his one-year-old son unresponsive. Mr. Martinez immediately called 911 and the dispatchers provided CPR instructions. OVPD arrived on scene within two minutes and began life-saving measures on the child. The child was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased a short time after his arrival.

The investigation continued pending forensics results. The Criminal Investigations Unit has reviewed these results and consulted with the Pima County Attorney's Office. It was determined that child abuse charges and negligent homicide charges were appropriate. Members of a Pima County Grand Jury have indicted Mr. Martinez on one count of negligent homicide and one count of child abuse, both class four felonies.

