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## PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

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### **BRAWLEY POLICE MAKE SECOND ARREST IN HOMICIDE CASE**

Brawley, CA – While conducting comprehensive follow up investigation into the homicide of a 5-year-old that occurred on January 8, 2026, it was determined that the child's mother, Leia Lentz was also a person connected to the death of her son. Members of the Brawley Investigations Team thoroughly examined evidence leading up to the death of the child and determined there was probable cause to arrest Lentz for charges related to the murder. Ultimately, Lentz was taken into custody on February 11, 2026 at approximately 3:55 p.m.

Cases of this nature are complex and require extensive follow-up investigation to examine all the evidence available. The Brawley Police Department would like to extend its deepest condolences to the child's family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

Anyone with any additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Brawley Police Department at (760) 344-2111.