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Police Arrest Suspect in Homicide of 2-Year-Old Boy

Howard County police detectives arrested a suspect this evening in the homicide of a 2-year-old Columbia boy. Marcus Dannon Owens, 32 (DOB: 06/09/71), of 5218 Brook Way in Columbia, was arrested this evening after agreeing to meet with police detectives. He will be charged with first-degree murder and child abuse in the death of his stepson.

On Wednesday, July 30, police received a call from doctors at Howard County General Hospital, who reported that the death of a 2-year-old child appeared suspicious. Owens brought the child to the hospital at around 5:30 p.m.; the boy was unresponsive and died soon after arriving.

Detectives received preliminary autopsy results late yesterday indicating that the death was a homicide caused by multiple blunt force injuries.

Through investigation, police learned Owens was the only adult home with the child when he sustained the injuries. Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Owens and arranged a meeting with him this evening, at which time they placed him in custody.

No additional information is available at this time.

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