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SECOND ARREST MADE IN SALUDA COUNTY CHILD NEGLECT INVESTIGATION

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's (SLED) Midlands Agents are charging a Saluda County man in connection with the death of his girlfriend's toddler son.

Kendell Lister Abney, 29, of 1302 Pencreek Road, Saluda, S.C., is charged with **Unlawful Neglect Towards a Child**.

According to an arrest warrant, Abney is accused of not rendering or seeking medical treatment for 15-month-old Daquarius Gantt on or near the date of October, 24, 2004.

Investigators believe the child died as a result of blunt force trauma to his head.

It is further believed that the child suffered injuries after Abney was hanging a steel door that accidentally fell on top of him while living at 1302 Pencreek Road, Saluda, S.C.

The Saluda County Sheriff's Office assisted with this investigation.

Unlawful Neglect Towards a Child is a felony offense, punishable up to ten (10) years in prison.

Renata M. Hill, 27, of 104 Bittersweet Road, Chappells, S.C., is also charged with **Unlawful Neglect Towards a Child**.

According to an arrest warrant, Hill is accused of not rendering or seeking medical treatment for her 15-month-old son, Daquarius Gantt on or near the date of October, 24, 2004.

For a booking photograph of Abney or Hill, please call the Saluda County Detention Center at (864) 445-0286.