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### **RICHLAND COUNTY FOSTER CARE MOTHER ACCUSED OF INFANT'S DEATH**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a Richland County woman accused of causing the death of an infant who was in her care.

Angela Deniece Dukes, 30, of 1200 Saint Andrew's Road, Apartment 813, Columbia, S.C., is charged with **Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child**.

According to an arrest warrant, Dukes taped a baby's pacifier to a 9-month-old infant's mouth.

The pacifier obstructed the male child's breathing, which resulted in his death.

This crime happened on February 8, 2009 at Dukes' residence.

Following protocol, the Richland County Coroner's Office contacted SLED about this recent incident.

**Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child** is a felony offense punishable up to ten (10) years in prison and/or fines.

This arrest is the result of a joint investigation with The Richland County Sheriff's Department (RCSD), The Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office, The SC Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Cayce Department of Public Safety.

**Background Information:**

The baby was put into Emergency Protective Custody by The Cayce Department of Public Safety (CDPS) on February 7, 2009 after his mother, Katrina Jivers, was arrested by the same agency.

The child was placed in Dukes' care that same day by The Department of Social Services (DSS).

**For a booking photograph of Dukes, please visit [www.richlandonline.com](http://www.richlandonline.com) and click on "Inmate Inquiry."**

**For more information on Dukes' foster care history, please contact DSS at (803) 898-7602.**