



Baby's death investigated, body found in filthy motel room

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LINCOLN, Neb. (KOLN) — The death of an infant found in a Lincoln motel is under investigation.

According to court documents, police were called to the Knights Inn on May 19th following a call about an unresponsive baby. Officers said when they arrived they were overwhelmed by the odor of urine and feces and said the room was extremely filthy.

The baby's mother, Samantha Shoemaker, told police she woke up, saw the baby on the bed pale in color and discovered the girl was not breathing. She notified the front desk and staff conducted CPR.

Shoemaker said when the baby was a few months old, she had fallen off a bed. The baby appeared to be fine, so she was not checked by a doctor. Court documents indicate that another time, Samantha's husband Jesse said he accidentally dropped the baby on the bed. He said the baby looked okay so he didn't take her to the hospital.

Samantha said the couple had been living at the motel with their two daughters since March. The state of Nebraska has taken emergency custody of their other child, who is 1-year-old.

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Court documents also show that Jesse engaged in a physical altercation with Samantha last November while she was pregnant.

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