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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN 2007 MURDER BY CHILD ABUSE CASE

An extensive investigation by detectives from Metro's Abuse and Neglect Detail has resulted in the arrest of a suspect in a 2007 murder by child abuse case.

Mario Genejerome "Gene" Hill, 31 years of age of Las Vegas, was booked into the Clark County Detention Center on 09/15/09 charged with:

- Murder in the second degree
- Child abuse with substantial bodily harm and
- Probation violation

Hill's prior criminal history includes a conviction in 2005 for felony child abuse. In that case the victim was the same child who died following the 2007 crime. Hill was also convicted of child abuse in 2007 in a separate case involving a different victim.

Metro is reminding everyone of the seriousness of child abuse, and the extreme vulnerability of infants to traumatic injury.

- Parents and care-givers are encouraged to "Just Step Back", and take a moment to relax and compose themselves when the pressures of caring for a child begin to mount.
- Friends and family members are encouraged to be alert to the signs of child abuse or neglect, and to report any signs of such behavior.
- Remember – it's NEVER O.K. to shake a baby.

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