

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR

ADAIRCOUNTY

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
- Submitted to County Attorney
- Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Form Number: **26-0871**

Arrest Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last <b>GILMAN</b>		First <b>GIFTY</b>		Middle	Suffix
Address <b>518 MAX DR</b>			City <b>STUART</b>		State <b>IA</b> Zip Code <b>50250</b>
DL# <b>966BA2363</b>	State <b>IA</b>	DL Class <b>C</b>	DL Endorsements		DL Restrictions <b>2</b>
Date of Birth <b>06/20/1995</b>	Gender <b>FEMALE</b>	Race <b>BLACK - B</b>		Ethnicity <b>NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N</b>	
Height <b>5' 06"</b>	Weight <b>340 LBS</b>	Eye Color <b>BROWN - BRO</b>		Hair Color <b>BROWN - BRO</b>	

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section <b>726.6(5)</b>	Crime Description <b>CHILD ENDANGERMENT - DEATH</b>		Speed	in	Zone
Class <b>FELB</b>			Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
Location Type <b>16 - LAKE/WATERWAY</b>								
Literal Description <b>SOUTH ADAIR ST</b>								
Address <b>100 BLOCK S. ADAIR ST.</b>				City <b>STUART</b>		State <b>IA</b>	Zip Code <b>50250</b>	
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? <b>1</b>	Incident Date or Low Range <b>05/26/2026</b>		Upper Date Range		Incident Time or Low Range <b>16:32</b>	Upper Time Range		

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did being a parent, guardian, or person having custody or control over a child or a minor under the age of eighteen with a mental or physical disability, or a person who is a member of the household in which a child or such minor resides, knowingly act in a manner that creates a substantial risk to minor child A.D.'s physical, mental or emotional health or safety, resulting in the death of the child or minor

VICTIM INFORMATION (Optionally displayed, especially if NCO is requested)

Last <b>D</b>	First <b>A</b>	Middle	Suffix
Business/Organization/State/County/Municipality Name			
Address <b>518 MAX DR.</b>		City <b>STUART</b>	State <b>IA</b> Zip <b>50250</b>

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, ADAIR COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime

On May 27, 2026, at approximately 4:32 p.m., Stuart Police Officers and emergency personnel responded to a report of an unresponsive two-year-old child recovered from a pond near the Union Estates housing development in the 700 block of S. Adair Street, Stuart, Adair County, Iowa. The child was found unresponsive and was transported to Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines where she ultimately died on June 4, 2026.

The investigation determined that the defendant was the biological mother of the victim, the only adult residing in the residence, and the person responsible for the victim's care, custody, and supervision. During the investigation, officers learned that the defendant left the residence and was away for several hours while six minor children remained at the residence. The investigation further revealed the victim was not discovered missing until after the defendant returned to the residence. The exact length of time the victim had been absent from the residence is unknown.

The investigation determined that on May 26, 2026, one day prior to the drowning incident, the victim exited the residence through a bedroom window without adult supervision and was later located in a field adjacent to the same pond where she was found on May 27, 2026. The defendant was aware of this incident and that the victim had left the residence without supervision, exited through the bedroom window, and had been located near the pond.

The investigation further determined that on May 27, 2026, while the defendant was away from the residence, the victim again exited the residence through the bedroom window. The victim subsequently traveled to the pond unsupervised, where she was later found unresponsive in the water. The victim sustained injuries consistent with a drowning event and ultimately died on June 4, 2026.

During the investigation, officers examined the bedroom window believed to have been used by the victim to exit the residence. Officers observed the exterior window screen had been pushed away from the frame, creating an opening. Officers further observed a bed positioned directly beneath the window on the interior of the room, providing easy access to the windowsill.

The investigation also revealed a history of concerns regarding supervision of the children residing at the residence. Prior to this incident, the Stuart Police Department had responded to the residence multiple times following reports of young children climbing out of windows and wandering through the neighborhood without adult supervision. As a result of those incidents, the Stuart Police Department had made multiple referrals to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services regarding concerns about inadequate supervision of the children residing in the home. Officers had also spoken directly with the defendant regarding those incidents and advised her of the dangers associated with young children being left without adequate adult supervision and wandering from the residence.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, including the defendant's knowledge that the victim had escaped through the same bedroom window and traveled to the area of the pond on May 26, 2026, the defendant's awareness of prior incidents involving young children leaving the residence un-supervised, prior warnings from law enforcement regarding those dangers, and the defendant's decision to leave the residence for several hours while the children remained there, there is probable cause to believe the defendant knowingly acted in a manner creating a substantial risk to the victim's physical health and safety.

There is further probable cause to believe the defendant willfully deprived the victim, a two-year-old child, of supervision appropriate to her age by leaving the residence for several hours despite knowledge of the victim's prior escape through the same bedroom window and the victim's presence near the same pond the day before this incident.

As a result of the defendant's actions and omissions, the victim exited the residence un-supervised, was later found unresponsive in a pond, sustained injuries consistent with a drowning event, and ultimately died on June 4, 2026.

Your affiant therefore believes probable cause exists to charge the defendant with Child Endangerment Resulting in Death, a Class B Felony, in violation of Iowa Code section 726.6.


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REHA, DAVID

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Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

STATE OF IOWA, ADAIR COUNTY

	Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 06/05/2026	
	Notary Name	DANIEL IRVING
	Commission Number	
	My Commission Expires	
	Signature of Verifying Party	<i>[Signature]</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting Attorney	