

ALACHUA



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MEDIA ADVISORY: Inmate Medical Emergency at the Alachua County Jail

On Monday, August 9th, Erica Thompson, 25, was arrested for two active warrants for charges of Felony Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear on a traffic charge. She was transported and booked into the Alachua County Jail and after booking, was housed in the infirmary. While in jail, Ms. Thompson went into premature labor. EMS was summoned to the scene, but the child was delivered with assistance from medical and detention staff prior to their arrival. Ms. Thompson and her child were both transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. Unfortunately, the child later passed away at the hospital and we are deeply saddened by Ms. Thompson's experience of the loss of her child. As is customary, Sheriff Clovis Watson Jr. and his team are fully investigating the incident and the Office of Professional Standards is conducting an administrative review, which includes video footage, to ensure proper procedures were followed in caring for Ms. Thompson and her child.

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