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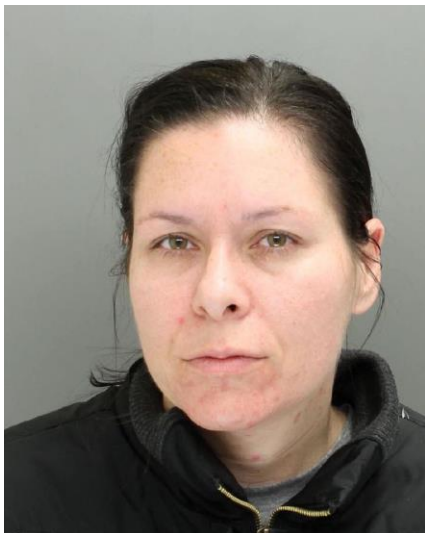
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### **Involuntary Manslaughter Charges Filed Against Mother in Death of 2-Year-Old Girl**



NORRISTOWN, Pa.--Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Upper Merion Police Chief Thomas Nolan announce the filing of Involuntary Manslaughter and related charges against Christina Griffith in the death of her 2-year-old daughter Trinity Griffith.

Trinity Griffith was found dead at 10:55 a.m., July 30, 2015 at the Motel 6 in King of Prussia by the Upper Merion Township Police. The investigation by the Montgomery County Detectives Bureau and Upper Merion Police Department revealed that Subutex and Klonopin pills, prescribed to Christina Griffith, had reportedly fallen to the floor and were subsequently ingested by Trinity Griffith.

Despite observing her daughter ingest the medication, Christina Griffith did not seek timely medical treatment for her daughter, which according to doctors would have saved her life. Christina Griffith was reckless and grossly negligent in failing to seek treatment for Trinity Griffith, which she had a legal parental duty to do, thus she is responsible for her daughter's death.

Following an autopsy by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, the forensic pathologist concluded that Trinity Griffith's cause of death was combined drug intoxication, with toxicology tests showing two DEA Scheduled substances in her system: buprenorphine (brand name Subutex), a medication used to treat narcotic addiction, and clonazepam (brand name Klonopin), an anti-anxiety medication.

The defendant was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge William Maruszczak this morning. Bail was set at \$500,000 cash. Judge Maruszczak scheduled a preliminary hearing for February 3, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Sophia Polites and Robert Kolansky.

Approved for release:

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