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Parents Arrested After Child's Death

On March 20, 2021 at approximately 2:03 a.m., the LVMPD received a 911 call from 27-year-old Leon Gritz in an apartment complex located in the 2000 block of North Torrey Pines Drive. Leon reported that his 8-year-old son had attempted suicide. Officers and medical personnel responded and located the unresponsive juvenile victim. He was transported to UMC Trauma where he was pronounced deceased.

The investigation led by the LVMPD Homicide Section revealed the victim showed substantial injuries believed to be the result of physical abuse and neglect by his parents.

As a result, Leon and the victim's mother 28-year-old Christie Gritz were arrested and booked into the Clark County Detention Center on one count of open murder.

The identity of the victim, as well as the cause and manner of death, will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office.

Booking photos accompany this release.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Homicide Section by phone at 702-828-3521, or by email at homicide@lvmpd.com. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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