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Press Release

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Unattended Death of 19 Month Old Child

The Hampton Police Department is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a 19 month old child that occurred on Wednesday October 5th 2016 at 86 Ashworth Ave. #6 in Hampton. The cause of the child's death is yet to be determined.

During the course of the investigation the child's step-father, Leo Witham, 30 years of age from Hampton, NH was arrested for Endangering the Welfare of a Child for purposely violating a duty to care.

Charges also include Possession of a Controlled Drug and Falsifying Physical Evidence.

Witham was arrested on these charges on October 7, 2016. Bail was set in the amount of \$10,000 cash only. He was transported to the Rockingham County Jail and is scheduled to be arraigned on October 11, 2016 at the 10th Circuit Seabrook District Court.

This is an ongoing investigation and there is no more information available at this time.

Anyone with information on incidents occurring in the Town of Hampton is urged to contact the Hampton Police Department at 603-929-4444. Anonymous tips can be made through the Crimeline for the Hamptons at <https://www.tipsubmit.com> and selecting **Hamptons** as the region or by texting to the word CRIMES (274637) with the keyword **Hamptons**.

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