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WAKE FOREST COUPLE CHARGED IN TODDLER'S DEHYDRATION DEATH

WAKE FOREST, NC – May 28, 2010 – Wake Forest police have arrested and charged a local couple with involuntary manslaughter two months after the death of their 18-month-old child.

Shandu Slaughter, 28, and Kristin Wills, 21, both of 839 N. Franklin St., were charged Thursday two weeks after an autopsy report revealed Marcus Isaiah Wills died from dehydration.

Police say on March 20 Slaughter put the child down for a nap at 2 p.m. The day was unseasonably warm, yet for several hours the couple left him unattended in a heated room in which the temperature climbed into the 90s. When Wills checked on the toddler around 9 p.m., she found him unresponsive.

Both Slaughter and Wills are being held in the Wake County jail under \$1 million bond.

The police department is releasing no additional information at this time.

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