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**NEWS RELEASE**  
**EAGAN DAY CARE PROVIDER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER AND**  
**OTHER CRIMES RELATED TO THE DEATH OF A CHILD IN HER CARE**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Beverly Anne Greenagel, age 64 of Eagan, has been charged\* with two counts of Manslaughter in the Second Degree (both felonies) and one count each of Endangerment of a Child, Neglect of a Child and Interference with a Death Scene (all gross misdemeanors) in connection with death of 3½ month old Dane Joseph Ableidinger on August 18, 2011, while he was in Greenagel's care at her home day care facility.

Backstrom stated that Greenagel put Dane Ableidinger down for a nap on the afternoon of August 18, 2011 and he was found unresponsive by a 12-year-old child also at the day care facility who noticed that he was on his stomach and did not appear to be breathing. Paramedics and police were immediately called and efforts to resuscitate the child were unsuccessful. Greenagel initially told police that the infant had been placed in the crib for his nap, but later changed her story and said she had placed the child down for a nap on top of a folded blanket on the floor.

At the time of this incident, Beverly Greenagel was licensed to care for up to 12 children without a second caregiver present. She was the solo caregiver on August 18, 2011, when it was determined that 20 children were present in her day care, eight of which were preschoolers, two were toddlers and three were infants. The number of children present that day exceeded all day care licensing capacity categories. Greenagel had been providing licensed day care since 1976. Greenagel's day care license was suspended immediately after this incident and later revoked, which Greenagel is challenging in civil court.

The Dakota County Medical Examiner initially was unable to determine a cause for Dane Ableidinger's death. However, after learning the results of genetic tests that were performed to determine if this infant could have suffered from any diseases leading to heart arrhythmia, the Medical Examiner concluded that in the absence of disease, fatal traumatic injury or the mutation known to be associated with genetic arrhythmias, and the fact that the infant was found lying face down on a blanket, Dane Ableidinger's death was the result of "probable positional asphyxia".

Additional facts pertaining to this case can be found online at <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/ComplaintSearch>. If in custody, a mug shot can be viewed at <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/InmateSearch>.

Backstrom commented: "It is always disturbing to see children die under any circumstance and it appears that proper monitoring and care could have avoided this tragedy in this instance."

Greenagel made her first appearance in court today and bail in the amount of \$75,000 without conditions (\$10,000 with conditions) was set by Dakota County District Court Judge Jerome Abrams. Greenagel's next court appearance is set for August 6, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Hastings. If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.

*\*Criminal charges are not evidence of guilt. A defendant/suspect is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*