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Calgary parents accused in malnutrition death of boy granted bail



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The parents of a 14-month-old boy, who were [charged last Friday with criminal negligence \(http://domain.com/news/crime/parents-charged-in-connection-with-death-of-infant\)](http://domain.com/news/crime/parents-charged-in-connection-with-death-of-infant) causing his death and failing to provide the necessities of life, have been granted bail.

Provincial court Judge Joanne Durant on Tuesday ordered the release of [REDACTED], 38, and [REDACTED], 34, on \$5,000 cash deposit and several conditions.

The judge made the ruling after Crown prosecutor Shane Parker consented to release and hammered out the details with lawyers George Sirois and Kaysi Fagan, representing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], respectively.

Among the conditions are that they are not to be in the company of any child under the age of 14 unless supervised by an adult.

The [REDACTED]s also must not be in possession of any firearms, must surrender any passports and not apply for new ones, and must report for fingerprinting within two business days. They cannot leave Alberta unless given permission.

Both were arrested and charged following what police described as a "long and complex investigation."

Both parents appeared by closed-circuit television, but were in separate rooms for the brief hearing.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are members of the Calgary Central Adventist Church, but they have not been actively involved for eight years, according to Pastor Randy Barber.

Police allege that the baby, [REDACTED], had not seen a doctor since birth and, as the child's health declined, his parents kept his condition a secret from family members. That was until a relative discovered how sick he was and insisted they seek medical help.

The boy was eventually taken by his parents from their north Calgary home to a local hospital on Nov. 28, 2013. Within 24 hours of being admitted, he died of a staph infection, complicated by malnutrition, said police.

Police launched a lengthy investigation when the baby died the day after his admittance to hospital. The probe included consultations with an infectious diseases expert, a neurologist, a dermatologist and a pediatrician.

Sirois said he is awaiting disclosure from the Crown and that could take about a month. The parents will be back in court on Jan. 30 when Sirois expects a date will be set for a preliminary hearing.

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