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Woman Charged with Injury to a Child & Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence

LAKEWAY, TX - Chelsye Reagan Witcher (41 years old) of Lakeway was arrested in Austin Friday morning and is now being held at the Travis County Jail. The arrest came after she was charged with Injury to a Child (1st Degree Felony) and Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence (3rd Degree Felony) in connection with the death of her soon-to-have-been adopted six-year-old daughter.

On Nov. 1, 2023, the Lakeway Police Department responded to a report of a drowning at a home along Sunrise Ridge Cove. Witcher reported that the child was found face-down and seizing in the bathtub. The child was airlifted to Dell Children's Hospital, but tragically passed away the following day.

An extensive investigation spanning numerous months revealed that Witcher's actions directly contributed to the child's death. Further investigation determined that Witcher attempted to conceal critical evidence during the incident.

The Lakeway Police Department continues to work closely with the Travis County District Attorney's Office as the case moves forward. No other information will be released in reference to this case at this time as this is still an ongoing investigation.

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