



# Denison Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Arrest for Murder Charge

Denison, Texas (July 11, 2024) – On Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Denison Police and Denison EMS responded to the 500 block of West Hull Street for a report of an unresponsive 11 year old female.

Upon arrival, the child, Harper Butler, was found not breathing and did not have a pulse. The child was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

At the time of the incident, the mother stated that the child had accidentally ingested the mother's prescribed methadone.

The investigation continued and in June of 2024, detectives received further information that the mother of the child, 39 year old Candice Cooper, had intentionally administered the methadone to her child. Cooper was re-interviewed and confessed to intentionally dosing her child with methadone, knowing the health ramifications it could cause.

With this information, the Dallas Medical Examiner ruled the child's death as a homicide.

On July 11, 2024, detectives with Denison PD secured a warrant for Cooper and she was subsequently arrested for the charge of Murder. Cooper was transported to the Grayson County Jail where she was booked for Murder with a one million dollar bond.

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