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TRONA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A 26-year-old mother was arrested for murder after a fire ignited inside an apartment where two young children were left alone.

It happened on Monday, January 16, 2023, at about 5:39 pm, in the 13400 block of Athol Street.

San Bernardino County Fire Firefighters from Station 57 arrived in less than five minutes to find smoke showing from one unit of a four-unit apartment complex.

Upon arriving, deputies from the Trona station discovered 2-year-old Catalena Fusaro and her 11-month-old brother had been pulled from their burning home and were not breathing.

Firefighters performed life-saving measures on the children and they were transported to Ridgecrest Regional Hospital for treatment. Catalena was pronounced deceased a short time later. Her 11-month-old male brother remains in critical condition.

Investigators from the Sheriff’s Specialized Investigations Division, Homicide Detail, responded and are conducting the investigation.

Detectives learned the children were home alone when the fire broke out.

The children’s mother, Nikia Rain Magby, was arrested and booked at High Desert Detention Center for murder and child abuse causing great bodily injury. The investigation is continuing and further information will be released when available.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Detective Michael Roth, Specialized Investigations Division at (909) 890-4904. Callers can remain anonymous and contact We-Tip at 800-78CRIME or www.wetip.com.

Cajon Junction, Calif – One person was trapped under an SUV on Highway 138 Tuesday.

The single-vehicle traffic collision was reported at 12:46 p.m. in the westbound lanes of Highway 138, just east of Interstate 15, on Jan. 17, 2023.

The involved black SUV sustained major damage after it struck a pole and overturned during the course of the collision.

Emergency workers with the San Bernardino County Fire Department arrived at the scene and located the vehicle on its roof and one person trapped underneath it.

The trapped person was extricated at about 1 p.m., and the fire department requested a helicopter for the person, who was listed in critical condition.

The request for a helicopter was canceled, and instead, the person was taken by ground ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in unknown condition.

A second ambulance was requested for another occupant of the vehicle who sustained minor injuries.

All westbound lanes of Highway 138 were closed for the rescue. No further details were immediately available.

The crash is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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At 4:39 p.m. Monday, San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a fire at 18635 Larkspur Rd. in Adelanto. Victor Valley Sheriff’s Station deputies also responded to the 911 call at the two-story apartment complex located north of Chamberlaine Way and west of Highway 395.

Deputies arrived before firefighters and found an apartment fully engulfed in flames. Surrounding apartments started to catch fire, according to authorities.

Deputies made their way into several of the units to help elderly tenants evacuate the building. Two deputies were able to get inside one apartment and carried a woman, unable to walk, out of the building.

Law enforcement officials continued to monitor and help the victims until paramedics arrived. Deputies made sure the tenants were able to make it out safely.

Utilities companies arrived to cut gas and electricity to the property. The American Red Cross was also requested to assist displaced residents with temporary shelter.

County firefighters is investigating the cause of the fire.