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Mother charged with murder in daughter's death

4-year-old killed
in weekend wreck

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GENEVA — A Midland City mother was released from a local hospital on Tuesday and im-

mediately taken into custody of Alabama state troopers who charged her with murder in the death of her 4-year-old daughter.

Starlea Nicole Knight, 32, is charged with first-degree murder in relation to the traffic death of her daughter, Zyrion Tucker. Authorities said Zyrion was pronounced dead at the scene of a

crash along Geneva Road 89 on Saturday when the 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche that Knight was driving left the roadway and overturned near Geneva, ejecting Zyrion from the vehicle.

In addition to murder, Alabama State Trooper Kevin Cook said Knight is charged with two counts of second-degree assault in relation to two other juve-

nile passengers who sustained serious injuries in the wreck. He said a total of eight passengers, each ranging from ages 4 to 14, were in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Cook said a preliminary investigation showed at least Zyrion was not properly restrained in

“What probably hits so hard in this whole situation is this 4-year-old child did not have a choice in the matter (on whether to wear a restraint).”

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State Trooper Kevin Cook