

4-Year-Old Killed

Bail set for mom charged in death

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A Midland City woman remained jailed Wednesday on bail totaling \$250,000 for multiple felony charges, including murder, in connection to a weekend crash that left her 4-year-old daughter dead.



Knight

Chief Geneva County Sheriff's Deputy Danny Staley said 32-year-old Starlea Nicole Knight had her first appearance in court late Tuesday afternoon. He said the court set \$150,000 bail for the murder charge and a \$50,000 bail for each of the two felony first-degree assault charges filed against Knight.

Troopers with the Alabama Highway Patrol arrested Knight on Tuesday after she was released from Flowers Hospital. She was charged with murder in the relation to the traffic death of her daughter, Zyrloh Tucker.

According to a statement from Trooper Kevin Cook, Zyrloh died when the 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche in which she was a passenger left the roadway and overturned. Zyrloh was ejected from the vehicle.

Cook said a preliminary investigation showed that Zyrloh was not properly restrained in the Avalanche. He said Knight, however, was wearing a seatbelt.

Cook said Zyrloh was traveling in a car seat but was not properly restrained.

Cook said the two first-degree assault charges filed against Knight are in connection to the serious physical injury suffered by two other children also inside the vehicle.

Cook said there were seven

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other children inside the vehicle, six of whom were Knight's children. He did not know if the victims of the assault charges were also Knight's children.

The single-vehicle crash happened around 6:55 p.m. Saturday about 3 miles east of Geneva on County Road 89.

The exact reason for the murder charge has not been explained.

Cook and Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said they could not comment on any of the contributing factors to the crash that led to the murder charge.