



ELLIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BRAD NORMAN, SHERIFF

For Immediate release: **Case# 23.03025 – Death Investigation:**

On Friday, March 3, 2023, Texas Child Protective Services came to the 300 block of Harris Street, Italy, Texas to conduct a home visit. During that visit, the CPS Investigator made the decision to remove the children from the home. The caseworker then called the Ellis County Sheriff 911 dispatch at approximately 4:00 PM. The Italy Police Department was dispatched to the residence and arrived on scene at approximately 4:05 PM. The Officer discovered 5 critically injured children inside the residence. Three children, ages 6 years old (male), and 5-year-old twins (1 male and 1 female) were deceased in the house. Two children, also in the house, 4 years of age (male) and 13 months old (female) were seriously wounded. One injured child was transported to Cooks Children's in Fort Worth, the other was transported to Children's Hospital Dallas.



The Ellis County Sheriff's Office arrested ***Shamaiya Deyonshana Hall***, and later transported her to the Wayne McCollum Detention Center where she has been charged with 3 counts of Capital Murder. Justice of the Peace, Judge Dan Cox, Precinct 3, arraigned Hall issuing a \$2,000,000 bond on each charge. The Ellis County Sheriff Office is the lead investigating agency with the assistance of the Texas Department of Public Safety - Texas Rangers. This is an ongoing investigation and there is no further information at this time.

We would like to thank the following for their assistance during this difficult investigation: the Italy Police Department, Milford Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Ellis County Constable Precinct 2, the Ellis County District Attorney's Office, Italy ISD personnel, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS), American Medical Response ambulance service, and Air Evac.

We ask for you to keep the family, the community of Italy, and First Responders in your thoughts and prayers during this tragic time.

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