## Potheads Charged in Murder of Infant Son

Kameron Gammage, 23, was arrested July 12, 2022, after his 8-monthold son, Logan Pierson, was found dead with swelling and bruising to his face. Update: the same pothead father was <u>charged</u> with sexually assaulting a 15-year-old (indicted on one count of Sexual Assault of a Child.) Pothead mother, Leyla Pierson, 18, has been charged with one count of injury to a child by criminal negligence.



Excerpts from affidavit:

Kameron reported their infant started crying, in the bedroom, so he went to try and play with the infant and began tossing the infant in the air then catching him. Kameron reported he was frustrated, and the infant would not stop crying. Kameron claimed he "accidentally" dropped the infant after about the 4th toss, which caused the infant to land on his left side. Kameron reported the infant hit the floor "hard" when he landed. Kameron reported the bruising and swelling on the infant's face and head began after that, but he didn't want to tell Leyla in fear of getting in trouble.

Leyla reported **she and Kameron did smoke marijuana on that Saturday** of 7-9-22, and she did lay down for a nap. Leyla reported when she woke up and checked on the infant, she saw the bruising on the infant's face and asked Kameron about it. Leyla reported Kameron told her the infant probably hit his head on a hard part of the crib.

Upon further interview with Kameron, he admitted that he does have extreme anger issues and has been dealing with a lot of stress lately, including the infant frequently crying. Kameron admitted that he has recently strangled two dogs to death and attempted to dispose of their bodies to avoid getting in trouble. Kameron further admitted that he frequently smokes marijuana to help him stay calm. Kameron reported that on Saturday (7-9-22), he and Leyla had smoked marijuana and Leyla laid down to nap at approx. 2200 hours in the living room.

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## Affidavits in Infant Death - Keeping You Informed

P.C. for the arrest of Kameron Gammage (W/N/M 5-7-99)

For the offense of "Injury to a Child, Elderly Individual, Or Disabled Individual Causing Serious Bodily Injury", a First Degree Felony

- 1. On 7-12-22 at approximately 1252 hours, officers with the Odessa Police Department were dispatched to 4221 E 52nd Street (Brady Station Apts.) #721 in reference to a medical call. Dispatch advised that an infant inside the listed apartment was unresponsive and not breathing.
- 2. Upon arrival, officers observed the deceased 8-month-old infant inside apartment #721, and contacted the deceased infant's parents on scene. The deceased infant had heavy bruising swelling to the left side of his face and head. There were also multiple smaller bruises along the top of the deceased infant's cranium. The deceased infant's mother was identified as Leyla Pierson (W/N/F 4-8-04) and the father was identified as Kameron Gammage (W/N/M 5-7-99).

- 3. Kameron reported that he woke up this date at approx. 1200 hours to Leyla telling him that their infant was not breathing. Kameron reported he called 911 and began CPR per the dispatcher's instructions. When asked about the bruising, Kameron claimed it was from the infant hitting his head on a hard portion of the interior of the crib. Kameron reported he last saw the infant at approx. 0530-0600 hours this date. Kameron remained unemotional and seemed to lack care about the incident throughout contact.
- 4. Leyla reported she fed the infant at approx. 0500 hours this date and went back to sleep, then woke back up at approx. 1200 hours to find the infant not breathing. Leyla reported she frantically went to Kameron and woke him up to notify about the infant, but Kameron seemed uncaring. Leyla reported Kameron took several minutes to get up and help, and when he approached her to help, he seemed uncaring. Leyla reported Kameron asked what he should do, at which time she told him to call 911. Leyla reported Kameron became apologetic toward her and told her he hoped she wasn't mad at him. Leyla also reported Kameron has extreme anger issues and has recently killed several dogs by strangulation.
- 5. Leyla and Kameron were transported to the OPD CID bay where I continued interviewing them. Leyla and Kameron were both read their Miranda Warning, and both chose to waive their rights.
- 6. Upon further interview with Kameron, he admitted that he does have extreme anger issues and has been dealing with a lot of stress lately, including the infant frequently crying. Kameron admitted that he has recently strangled two dogs to death and attempted to dispose of their bodies to avoid getting in trouble. Kameron further admitted that he frequently smokes marijuana to help him stay calm. Kameron reported that on Saturday (7-9-22), he and Leyla had smoked marijuana and Leyla laid down to nap at approx. 2200 hours in the living room. Kameron reported their infant started crying, in the bedroom, so he went to try and play with the infant and began tossing the infant in the air then catching him. Kameron reported he was frustrated, and the infant would not stop crying. Kameron claimed he "accidentally" dropped the infant after about the 4th toss, which caused the infant to land on his left side. Kameron reported the infant hit the floor "hard" when he landed. Kameron reported the bruising and swelling on the infant's face and head began after that, but he didn't want to tell Leyla in fear of getting in trouble. Kameron reported the infant began acting unusual over the next couple of days, and when he saw the infant deceased this morning, his initial thought was something like he killed his kid.
- 7. Leyla reported she and Kameron did smoke marijuana on that Saturday of 7-9-22, and she did lay down for a nap. Leyla reported when she woke up and checked on the infant, she saw the bruising on the infant's face and asked Kameron about it. Leyla reported Kameron told her the infant probably hit his head on a hard part of the crib. Leyla reported they did not seek medical attention for the bruising. Leyla reported the infant became more "fussy" over the next couple of days, but she thought it was because he was teething.
- 8. When officers initially made contact at the apartment, the **interior of the apartment was disheveled with what appeared to be dog feces on the floor and other items throughout the interior**. Both Kameron and Leyla admitted to attempting to clean some of the mess prior to law enforcement arriving.

9. Due to Kameron Gammage causing serious bodily to an infant and intentionally neglecting to seek medical attention for the infant for 3 days, to which the infant was found deceased 3 days later, Kameron Gammage was placed under arrest for "Injury to a Child, Elderly Individual, Or Disabled Individual Causing Serious Bodily Injury", a First Degree Felony (Texas PC-22.04(e)).

P.C. for the arrest of Leyla Pierson (W/N/F 4-8-04)

For the offense of "Injury to a Child, Elderly Individual, Or Disabled Individual / Criminal Negligence", a State Jail Felony

- 1. On 7-12-22 at approximately 1252 hours, officers with the Odessa Police Department were dispatched to 4221 E 52nd Street (Brady Station Apts.) #721 in reference to a medical call. Dispatch advised that an infant inside the listed apartment was unresponsive and not breathing.
- 2. Upon arrival, officers observed the deceased 8-month-old infant inside apartment #721, and contacted the deceased infant's parents on scene. The deceased infant had heavy bruising, swelling to the left side of his face and head. There were also multiple smaller bruises along the top of the deceased infant's cranium. The deceased infant's mother was identified as Leyla Pierson (W/N/F 4-8-04) and the father was identified as Kameron Gammage (W/N/M 5-7-99).
- 3. Kameron reported that he woke up this date at approx. 1200 hours to Leyla telling him that their infant was not breathing. Kameron reported he called 911 and began CPR per the dispatcher's instructions. When asked about the bruising, Kameron claimed it was from the infant hitting his head on a hard portion of the interior of the crib. Kameron reported he last saw the infant at approx. 0530-0600 hours this date. Kameron remained unemotional and seemed to lack care about the incident throughout contact.
- 4. Leyla reported she fed the infant at approx. 0500 hours this date and went back to sleep, then woke back up at approx. 1200 hours to find the infant not breathing. Leyla reported she frantically went to Kameron and woke him up to notify about the infant, but Kameron seemed uncaring. Leyla reported Kameron took several minutes to get up and help, and when he approached her to help, he seemed uncaring. Leyla reported Kameron asked what he should do, at which time she told him to call 911. Leyla reported Kameron became apologetic toward her and told her he hoped she wasn't mad at him. Leyla also reported Kameron has extreme anger issues and has recently killed several dogs by strangulation.
- 5. Leyla and Kameron were transported to the OPD CID bay where I continued interviewing them. Leyla and Kameron were both read their Miranda Warning, and both chose to waive their rights.
- 6. Upon further interview with Kameron, he admitted that he does have extreme anger issues and has been dealing with a lot of stress lately, including the infant frequently crying. Kameron admitted that he has recently strangled two dogs to death and attempted to

dispose of their bodies to avoid getting in trouble. Kameron further admitted that he frequently smokes marijuana to help him stay calm. Kameron reported that on Saturday (7-9-22), he and Leyla had smoked marijuana and Leyla laid down to nap at approx. 2200 hours in the living room. Kameron reported their infant started crying, in the bedroom, so he went to try and play with the infant and began tossing the infant in the air then catching him. Kameron reported he was frustrated, and the infant would not stop crying. Kameron claimed he "accidentally" dropped the infant after about the 4th toss, which caused the infant to land on his left side. Kameron reported the infant hit the floor "hard" when he landed. Kameron reported the bruising and swelling on the infant's face and head began after that, but he didn't want to tell Leyla in fear of getting in trouble. Kameron reported the infant began acting unusual over the next couple of days, and when he saw the infant deceased this morning, his initial thought was something like he killed his kid.

- 7. Leyla reported she and Kameron did smoke marijuana on that Saturday of 7-9-22, and she did lay down for a nap. Leyla reported when she woke up and checked on the infant, she saw the bruising on the infant's face and asked Kameron about it. Leyla reported Kameron told her the infant probably hit his head on a hard part of the crib. Leyla reported they did not seek medical attention for the bruising. Leyla reported the infant became more "fussy" over the next couple of days, but she thought it was because he was teething.
- 8. When officers initially made contact at the apartment, the interior of the apartment was disheveled with what appeared to be dog feces on the floor and other items throughout the interior. Both Kameron and Leyla admitted to attempting to clean some of the mess prior to law enforcement arriving.
- 9. Due to Leyla Pierson knowing about the bodily injury to her 8-month-old infant and neglecting to seek medical attention for the infant for 3 days, to which the infant was found deceased 3 days later, Leyla Pierson was placed under arrest for "Injury to a Child, Elderly Individual, Or Disabled Individual / Criminal Negligence", a State Jail Felony (Texas PC-22.04(g)).