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Homicide

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On June 18, 2009, at approximately 7:00 p.m., deputies from the Ajo District responded to the 500 blk. of W. Ocotillo Avenue in Ajo, Arizona in reference to an unknown problem. According to the reportee, two young girls had been riding their bicycles in the wash area when they saw another female lying in the wash. They ran to the closest residence and reported the incident to the homeowner. The homeowner called 911.

Upon arrival, deputies found a seven-year-old female, deceased from obvious signs of trauma. It appears the victim suffered blunt force trauma.

Pima County Sheriff's Homicide detectives responded to further investigate. Investigative leads and evidence found at the scene led detectives to the 500 blk. of Palo Verde, where additional evidence was found. It is believed that the child was murdered inside the residence and then dumped in the wash area. Detectives have arrested Loretto Kyle Alegria (DOB 08/17/89), in connection with the death. Mr. Alegria has been arrested and booked on charges of 1st Degree Murder.

At this time, no motive has been established. The investigation continues.

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