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Pursuit suspect charged with toddler's death

LANCASTER – A Palmdale man was charged today with murder after he allegedly led deputies on a car chase Thursday that ended in the death of a 2-year-old girl, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Marvin Travon Hicks, 45 (dob 4-20-67), is scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 1:30 p.m. on one count each of murder and felony evading an officer causing injury. Prosecutors are asking bail be set at \$1.1 million in case No. MA058121.

Hicks, who allegedly led Sheriff's deputies on a pursuit with speeds reaching 100 mph, was driving west on Avenue I when his vehicle slammed into a Lexus, killing 2-year-old Madison Faye Ruano and seriously injuring her mother, Tina Marie Ruano. The accident occurred shortly before 5 p.m. Thursday, authorities said.

If convicted, Hicks faces up to life in prison.

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