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Downey Man Charged in Boy's Death

A 23-year-old Downey man charged with the murder of his 6-year-old godson is expected to be arraigned this afternoon, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Tyler D'Shaun Martin Brand (dob 11/17/96) is charged in case VA152459 with one count each of murder and assault on a child causing death.

The arraignment hearing is scheduled in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Downey Branch. Deputy District Attorney Colby Cano of the Complex Child Abuse Section of the Family Violence Division is assigned to the case.

The child, identified in the criminal complaint as Dayvon T., had been in the defendant's care for several days over the holiday break. The boy died on Dec. 26 after allegedly being severely beaten by Brand at his Downey apartment, prosecutors said.

The defendant's bail is recommended at \$2 million. If convicted as charged, Brand faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Downey Police Department.

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