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ARRESTED: JAMES A. CAPO JR.
PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY
AGE: 39

On Tuesday, June 23, 2026, following a fourteen - month investigation, James Capo Jr. was arrested for the homicide of his two-month-old daughter, Sophia Capo.

Capo Jr. was charged on a Complaint Warrant with the offenses below.

1. Homicide, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3a(1), a crime of the first degree;
2. Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(2), a crime of the second degree.

James Capo Jr. was processed and lodged in the Warren County Correctional Center, pending his first appearance in Warren County Superior Court.

By way of background, on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at approximately 2:10 p.m., officers from the Lopatcong Township Police Department were dispatched to the 700 block of Youngs Road for the report of an unresponsive two-month-old infant who had reportedly fallen from a baby rocker. Upon arrival, officers initiated lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Emergency medical services personnel subsequently transported the infant to St. Luke's Hospital-Warren Campus. Due to the severity of her condition, she was later airlifted to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for advanced medical treatment, where she succumbed to her injuries days later, on April 24, 2025. The preliminary autopsy report determined the cause of death: "Blunt Injury of Head" and the manner of death: "Homicide."

Homicide carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. Second degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison.

The charges are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This joint investigation was conducted by the Lopatcong Township Police Department, and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit. Assisting at the scene was the Warren County Regional Crime Scene Team.