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Murder Suspect Arrested / 5 Year Old Girl Safe

The suspect in the murder of a 21-month old male in the City of Blaine was arrested early this morning by the Missouri State Police. The 5-year-old girl was with the suspect and appears to be unharmed. Both are currently in the care and custody of authorities from the state of Missouri.

The suspect is: Nelson Geovanny Soto-Lopez DOB: 12-6-1991.

A joint investigation between the Blaine Police Department and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office yielded information that Soto-Lopez was attempting to, and did in fact leave the twin cities metro area. Information at this time indicates that Soto-Lopez hired an unwitting individual to provide transportation to Kansas City, MO who was unaware of Soto-Lopez's crimes or that he was wanted by police. Upon associates of the unwitting driver being questioned, they were able to contact the driver who immediately cooperated and provided crucial information that lead to the capture of Soto-Lopez and the recovery of the missing child.

Soto-Lopez was driven to Kansas City, MO and was met there by his father and step-mother. The vehicle and occupant descriptions were noted by the unwitting driver and that information was provided to us. It was believed that Soto-Lopez intended to travel to Arkansas, where he has other family members. Law Enforcement agencies were contacted and an alert Missouri State Police Officer spotted the suspect vehicle and took Soto-Lopez into custody and recovered the missing child. Soto-Lopez's father and step mother have not been arrested and are cooperating with law enforcement. It appears they were not aware of the investigation or of Soto-Lopez's wanted status.

Although Soto-Lopez has been arrested and the girl found safe, the investigation is far from complete and many legal aspects of extradition have to be worked out. Charging decisions by the Anoka County Attorney's Office in the case of Soto-Lopez and Heydi Jaqueline Aguilar-Bustillo are expected soon. No other details will be released at this time.

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