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Mansfield father accused of killing daughter, 6

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Pool Photo

Kristopher Griffin sobbed and looked at the floor during the arraignment.

By Eric Moskowitz, Globe Staff

Police charged a 35-year-old Mansfield man with murdering his 6-year-old daughter after being alerted to the crime by a note in which he allegedly asked forgiveness for sending her "to heaven."

Kristopher Griffin, 35, wearing a hospital johnny, sobbed and looked at the floor at his arraignment this afternoon on a charge that he murdered Kaitlynn Griffin. He pleaded not guilty and was ordered held without bail. A judge ordered him to undergo psychiatric evaluation at Bridgewater State Hospital and slated another hearing for Aug. 12.

Mansfield police said that at 4:05 a.m. today they received a call from 85 Ware St., where Griffin had been staying, reporting that Griffin was somewhere in town and might have the intention of harming himself. Patrol units were put on the lookout and shortly after that, an

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officer spoke to Griffin about a half mile from the Ware Street address. At 4:17 a.m., police received a second call from the Ware Street address in which the caller reported that Griffin had left a note asking for "forgiveness for sending Katy to heaven."

Police then went to a home on Chilson Street where the daughter lived, and after a short search found her body in the basement, covered by a blanket, Chief Arthur M. O'Neill said in a statement.

The case is being investigated by local and state police and the Bristol County district attorney's office.

By late morning, 10 to 12 State Police investigators were still busy at the house, a yellow, two-story duplex. Witnesses said that the items removed from the house by officers appeared to include a computer and hard drive.

A child's pink bicycle had been left in the driveway, with a matching pink helmet hanging from the handlebars. A neighbor identified it as Kaitlynn's bike.

Neighbor Jimbo Tardivo said Kaitlynn would sometimes watch from the window as he held cookouts in his yard.

"She was a little peanut, a little star in that window, and I'm going to miss her," said Tardivo.

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Posted by campari July 24, 09 11:25 AM

2. To show an approximate location for those not familiar with the area?

Posted by derr July 24, 09 12:27 PM

3. The map is there so that if someone reads this article in the future when technolgy is more advanced, they can travel back in time and stop the crime without asking for directions.

Posted by lustfulgustav July 24, 09 12:42 PM

4. Please show some respect for the tragic loss of this precious little life.

Posted by rachel July 24, 09 03:11 PM

5. Wow, with a horrible story like this, people feel the need to comment on a map? That is amazing.

This is a very sad story. The poor little girl. Maybe that is what people should focus on.

May she rest in peace.

Posted by willjamill July 24, 09 03:13 PM

6. God rest her body and soul. Some little ones don't even have a chance. It's heartbreaking. Parents, love your kids!

Posted by Tom G July 24, 09 04:13 PM

7. God Bless that little baby!!! May she have a better life in heaven. You and family are in my prayers.

Posted by Angel July 24, 09 05:01 PM



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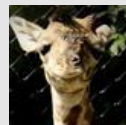
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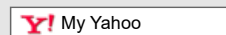
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