

Two Charged After Child's Death

HALIFAX (CP) — Kyle Sarty, a two-year-old toddler who was admitted to hospital three days ago after apparently being beaten, died Wednesday night.

His three-year-old brother remained in fair and stable condition, Dr. John Anderson, director of the child-abuse team at the Izaak Walton Killam children's hospital said yesterday.

Their mother's boyfriend, Christopher Allan Mitchel, 21, a crew member with the destroyer HMCS Assiniboine, was charged Wednesday with aggravated assault and their mother, Georgina Sarty, 22, was charged with criminal negligence causing bodily harm. Both were jailed until a hearing on today.

The charges were laid before the boy died, and the Crown prosecutor's office said yesterday it is considering whether to change them.

The beatings are alleged to have occurred Tuesday at the couple's apartment in Spryfield, a suburb of Halifax.