

TODDLER KILLED IN POLICE CELLS

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A WOMAN, who allegedly grabbed a toddler by the feet, and slammed his head twice against a cell floor, has been causing havoc in the Wanaheda police holding cells.

The four-year-old toddler died at the Katutura State Hospital at 19h45 on Thursday. According to police spokesperson Inspector Stephan Nuuyi, the boy's head was smashed on the floor between 14h00 and 15h00 that afternoon, after a fight had broken out between the boy's mother and the suspect.

The boy sustained serious injuries during the incident, and was rushed to hospital where he died later.

In a media briefing yesterday, Nuuyi said the suspect was later removed from the female cell, and placed in the visitors' cell. She is in custody on a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. According to Nuuyi, she has also been threatening to kill fellow inmates, and when she was being removed on Thursday, she allegedly pointed at other women, saying they would be next. The suspect is expected to make her first appearance on a charge of murder in the Windhoek Magistrate's Court in Katutura today.

The child's mother is in custody for alleged shoplifting, and was unable to pay a N\$500 bail. Police had not released the name of the deceased toddler by yesterday afternoon.