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Lindsay must undergo mental evaluation before arraignment

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Murder suspect Stephon Lindsay must undergo a mental evaluation at Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility before he can be arraigned, Judge Billy Ogletree ruled on Friday.

Lindsay's arraignment was scheduled for Friday but has been pushed back until after his mental evaluation. Ogletree on April 11 ordered that Lindsay be evaluated.

It is unknown how long the evaluation will take. Alabama Department of Mental Health Commissioner Jim Reddoch said there is no set or average time for an evaluation, and the length is determined on a case-by-case basis.



Stephon Lindsay

Lindsay, 35, Gadsden, faces capital murder charges for allegedly killing his 20-month-old daughter, Maliyah, with a knife or a sword. Her body was found March 12 in a makeshift dumping ground near the intersection of Plainview Street and Block Avenue.

Lindsay was arrested March 12 and was indicted June 17 by a grand jury.

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