

# Pensacola woman linked to 2008 South Carolina baby homicide arrested

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**UPDATE 4:45P.M:**

Jennifer Sahr, the Pensacola woman who was wanted in connection to the "Baby Boy Horry" case, has been taken into custody, according to Horry County police.

Police added that Carolina Regional Fugitive US Marshals Task Force arrested her.

Sahr is being held at J. Reuben Long Detention Center. Her bond hearing is expected tomorrow, according to HCPD.

Sahr's attorney, Greg McCollum, said she was with her husband and two small children in North Myrtle Beach.

He said that she was set to turn herself into police Wednesday morning, but police took her into custody Tuesday afternoon.

"She found out about the allegation yesterday and she has done what every responsible citizen would do. She had our firm reach out to police and say that she would travel here and for whatever reason the police decided to expend time and resources and go ahead and arrest her tonight," he said. "I told police she was coming to Horry County from Florida and that we would surrender her tomorrow at 8 a.m. at J. Reuben. She was prepared to come in for a lawful and peaceful surrender."

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**ORIGINAL STORY 2 P.M.:**

HORRY COUNTY, S.C. ([WPDE](#)) — South Carolina police Tuesday announced new information in the homicide cold case often referred to as "Baby Boy Horry."

Horry County Police confirmed they have scientific evidence to confirm 32-year-old Jennifer Sahr -- formerly Rickel -- of Pensacola is the mother of "Baby Boy Horry."

Police say Jennifer Sahr was a student at Coastal Carolina University at the time of the incident in 2008.

According to Horry County Police Chief Joseph Hill, probable cause was established for the incident and an arrest warrant has been issued in the case for Jennifer Sahr. She is facing one charge of homicide by child abuse.

Contact the Horry County Police Dept. at 843-915-5350 immediately with any information. Police are aware of who the father is and will update the case.

Channel 3 contacted the Escambia County Sheriff's Office about the case, which confirms they have assisted recently. Deputies believe Sahr is no longer in Escambia County.

Pensacola Police tell Channel 3 that they haven't assisted in the case, but did stop Sahr for a traffic violation in September 2019.

Baby Boy Horry's lifeless body was found wrapped in a blanket in a tote bag off in South Carolina on Dec. 4, 2008. Officials say he was born alive, and with medical attention, he would have survived. The baby appeared to have lived only one day before the body was found, Horry County Coroner Robert Edge said at the time.

The child earned the name "Baby Boy Horry" because there were no signs of the baby's identity or his biological parents. The case has remained a mystery over the last decade.

Since 2008, the baby's DNA had been collected, which has just now led police to actionable evidence.

Baby Boy Horry was buried at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway, and annual memorials are held to honor the life Baby Boy Horry could have had.