

Irresponsible Parents

A thoughtless couple in their 20's left their four-month-old daughter at home alone while they played internet computer games at a nearby PC cafe. The police have now charged the couple with murder, because their child died as a result.

According to the police, a 29-year-old man and his wife put their four-month-old daughter in the bedroom of their home, and then went to a neighborhood PC cafe to play a popular on line game.

After playing for over five hours, they returned home and found their daughter laying on her stomach, where she had died for suffocation.

The couple told the police that they had only planned to play for an hour or two and then return home, but the game took longer than normal.

The parents admitted that this was not the first time they left their baby at home alone while they played computer games. However, the parents quickly added that this was the first time anything went wrong; the baby normally just slept the whole time they were gone.

The real sad part is that the husband's mother-in-law lived only one floor above them, and the parents could have easily left the child with her.

The parents have admitted that what they did was wrong, but believe that the U.S. online game producer is also partly to blame for making a game that is too addictive. They are intending to sue the company for not putting warning on their games.

Vocabulary:

1. **suffocation** - to kill or destroy by preventing access of air or oxygen
- to cause discomfort to or as if by cutting off the supply of fresh air
2. **admitted** - to concede as true or valid
3. **added** - to say or write further
4. **addictive** - to occupy (oneself) with or involve (oneself) in something habitually or compulsively
5. **intending** - purposing to become or be; prospective
- to have in mind; plan

Topic Questions:

1. What do you think about this topic?
2. What is one of the biggest mistakes you have ever made?
3. Do you think the parents are right to sue the company that produced the game? Give a reason for your opinion.