

Investigation continues in deaths of young Quitman girls

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Quitman police and Texas Rangers are continuing the investigation in the deaths of two young sisters last week at a Quitman apartment complex.

"We are still waiting on some other stuff to come in," Quitman Police Chief Kelly Cole said Monday morning. "It's still ongoing.

Cole said investigators were waiting on results of autopsies ordered in the deaths.

The deaths were discovered last Thursday when police responded to a call for help from the Dogwood Villa Apartments in the 600 block of East Lane Street and found two young girls, ages 1 and 3, unresponsive.

Quitman officers arrested Thomas Wayne Liles, 19, for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence after a number of witnesses said they saw the man run from the apartment and throw a large item into a dumpster before help could arrive for the two little girls.

In that dumpster, officers found items they suspect came from the apartment the girls were in.

Chief Cole would not speculate as to whether the discarded items were related to the deaths of the children.

Thomas Wayne Liles is being held in lieu of \$25,000 bond in Wood County jail in Quitman on the tampering with or fabricating evidence charge.