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The Japanese national has been in this country with her hus-band, an engineer with Nissan, for more than two years, but speaks no English. That isolation combined with

depression are all too familiar warnings, said one woman who works with sufferers of postpar-tum depression. Kathlo O'Donohue, a registered nurso and Hills resident, works



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with a support group for sufferers through Providence Hospital in Southfield. "The mother goes from being cared for well for nine months to being on her own, with a little scrawny, screaming child that doesn't give back much for a long time. Your hormones are raging," she said.
It's tough even for women with-

that doesn't give back much for a long time. Your hormones are reging," she said. It's tough even for women without other problems, she said. But for someone suffering from mental illness, such as depression, with a difficult beby, the task may be too tough. And without a support system, some women cannot cope, O'Donohue said.
One source said in Japan, most children are born either at the home of the maternal grandparents or at a nearby hospital. Grandparents are an integral part of the baby's carly years, easing the mother's burden.
Hills dispatcher Leslie Amato took the emergency call at 2:40 am. Thursday from Akihiro Koga as he struggled in broken English to get help and save his son's life. "I had a feeling the baby was deceased," said Amato, who has been a dispatcher for more than 12 years. "But you keep trying. We've had several canse where babies have survived."

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But police believe the baby had been left in a retention pond be-hind the apartment for more than an hour. When his father and aunt found him, he was face

down.

Amato talked the father through CPR until paramedics arrived, but the baby's blue-gray color, as described by the father, and the fact that it could not breathe on its own, were ominous signs. He was pronounced dead at Botaford General Hospital at 4:02



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Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said the Japanese Consulate General of Detroit has been in touch with the department, but has only asked to be kept informed of the situa-

an and executed a search warrant later Thursday morning and found the muddy clothes they be-lieve were worn by her to take the crying baby from the apartment to the pond.

the pond.
Hills Chief Bill Dwyer had

brought a case of second-degree murder to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

"This was not premeditated," Dwyer said, "This is a very unuaual case. It is nothing like the Suan Smith case (here a South Carollna woman intentionally drowned her two young children). There was no affair."

Dwyer said the woman had re-mained in the Hills city jail under a suicide watch and had not eaten until her slater had been permit-ted to bring her some Japanese food.

Oakland County assistant pro-secutor Lynda Rubin brought first-degree murder charges and asked that no bond be granted.

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Hills police detective Pat

Comini (left)

proceedings.

and the defendant's husband. Akihiro Koga, watch during

Although Itsomi Koga's attorney, Philip Symour, argued that she had no criminal record and was not a threat to fise and was not a tharge to anyone, Harris or dered her remanded to the Oak-land County Jail without bend. Harris said that if a secure hes pital setting could be provided, he would consider those arrangements after the Nov. 17 preliminary exam. The woman faces a mandatory life sentence if convicted of first-degree murder.

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Harris also placed a gag order on all police, witnesses and attorneys connected with the case.

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