

## Adam Baker In Country Illegally

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Adam Baker, the father of the 10-year-old killed last year and dismembered, Zahra Baker, is in the United States illegally, according to Hickory Police. Baker was arrested this week and charged with identity theft and obtaining property by false pretenses by Hickory Police. The charges are unrelated to the investigation into the death of Zahra Baker, police said. The Hickory girl was reported missing last October and her remains were discovered in November. Zahra's stepmother, Elisa Baker, is charged with second-degree murder in her death. Police said the charges filed against Adam Baker on Tuesday stemmed from him using someone else's name and Social Security number to obtain services from Duke Energy. In spite of the allegations of his illegal residency, police said they are keeping Baker's passport and that a retainer has been placed on him, preventing him from leaving the country. Officers said he is in the country illegally, having failed to properly fill out documents.