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A 19-year-old Evanston father was charged yesterday in the death of his 2-year-old son Friday night.

John Cox, 2208 Foster Av., appearing before Judge Milton H. Solomon in Evanston Circuit Court, was charged with involuntary manslaughter. The judge set Nov. 9 for a hearing.

Cox told police his son, Sidney, sat up in bed Friday night and appeared ill. The boy quit breathing, and Cox said he attempted resuscitation. When that failed, he struck the child several times in the stomach in an effort to start him breathing, the father said.

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John E. Cox, 19, of 2208 Foster Av., Evanston, charged in the death of his 2-year-old son, was in the intensive care unit of Evanston Hospital yesterday.

Evanston police said Cox tried to hang himself late Saturday with one sleeve of his jacket tied to the cell bars and with the other sleeve around his neck. He was found unconscious in his cell at the Evanston police station by a jail guard.

On Friday, Cox told police his son, Sidney, sat up in bed and appeared to be ill. The boy quit breathing, and Cox said he attempted resuscitation. When that failed, he struck the child several times in the stomach in an effort to start him breathing, he said.