

Man due in court accused of murdering niece, 11

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The uncle of an 11-year-old girl who died in hospital after an attack in Wolverhampton has been charged with her murder.

Delroy Forrester, 51, was arrested after Jasmine Forrester was found seriously injured in the early hours of Friday. The girl had died in hospital with her family by her side, West Midlands police said.

Her father, Simeon Forrester, paid

tribute to his daughter with a floral tribute, left outside the house, that said: "My heart is broken."

Along with dozens of bunches of flowers from friends and neighbours, on a card entitled "Loving memories of a special daughter", he had written: "My shining star."

The girl's uncle, of Lower Villiers Street, has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Walsall magistrates court today.

DI Ian Wilkins said: "We are not seeking anyone else in relation to this incident but, if anyone has

information, please get in contact with us."

The 11-year-old was found just before 1am with injuries including stab wounds after neighbours were alerted by a disturbance.

A postmortem examination was expected to be carried out yesterday.

Meanwhile, the father of an eight-year-old girl who was stabbed to death had been charged with her murder, West Midlands police said.

Mylee Billingham was found with knife wounds at the home of her father, William Billingham, on the

night of 20 January. She was taken to hospital but was pronounced dead. A postmortem examination found the girl had died from a single stab wound to the chest.

Billingham, 54, of Valley View in Brownhills, was arrested after the incident and taken to hospital, where he was treated for his injuries.

He was discharged to police custody on Friday and charged on Saturday with Mylee's murder and with "making threats to kill".

Billingham is due to appear today at Wolverhampton magistrates court.

Ex-minister slams DWP as £108m spent fighting disability benefit claims

Rising bill over two years shows that something is seriously wrong the system'

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More than £100m has been spent by the Department for Work and Pensions on administering reviews and appeals against disability benefits in little more than two years, figures show.

This is in addition to the tens of

The DWP has spent £108.1m on direct staffing costs for ESA and PIP appeals since October 2015. This covers mandatory reconsiderations, an internal DWP review, and appeals to tribunals. The monthly cost has been steadily rising and in December it spent £5.3m on mandatory reconsiderations and appeals for PIP and ESA. The figure for October 2015 was £2.6m.

"To spend this amount on admin, fighting to uphold flawed decisions that shouldn't have been made in the first place, is staggering," said Neil Hes-

ton, chief executive of the disability

