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(Janielle Marie Destin)

INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ONE ARREST FOR CHILD NEGLECT, WARRANTS FOR AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged a Crestview woman with child neglect and an acquaintance has now been picked up in Michigan on an active warrant for aggravated child abuse. The victim had been taken to North Okaloosa Medical Center September 14th, 2010 and was then sent on to Pensacola's Sacred Heart Hospital for treatment. Doctors determined the boy had suffered skull fractures, bruising, ant bites, and other injuries. 37-year old David John Parker of Griffith Mill Road in Baker, later claimed he was giving the infant a bath in the kitchen sink when the baby slipped and fell, however he says he did not see him hit his head. Medical professionals say the baby's injuries were not consistent with that explanation. (cont. on page two)



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OCSO Investigator Ralph Garrett's work on the case also led to the arrest of 19-year old Janielle Marie Destin of 3132 East Aplin Road in Crestview on a charge of child neglect without great harm. Destin is accused of leaving the infant in his car seat for extended periods of time, putting him in a back storage room at DJ's Basement, a Crestview bar, and leaving him there for up to three hours while she threw darts. On at least one occasion, the baby fell out of his stroller/car seat and was found in the floor. Destin is also accused of failing to take the victim to a doctor's appointment for a follow-up appointment for a respiratory infection on September 13th, 2010. When she took the infant the next day instead, the doctor says the infant was close to death.

Meantime, Garrett was able to develop information this week that Parker may be in Waterford Township, Michigan. He contacted authorities there and they took Parker into custody a short time later.

Mug shot of Parker not available.



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