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OCSO CHARGES TWO IN CONNECTION WITH ABUSE/NEGLECT OF DISABLED CHILD





The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office today arrested two Walton County residents in connection with an investigation into the abuse and neglect of a three year old developmentally disabled child who is unable to walk or verbally communicate.

31-year old Andrew Dwyer of 220 Indigo Loop in Miramar Beach is charged with two counts of child abuse. His girlfriend, 28-year old Crimson Waters of the same address is charged with two counts of child neglect.

Investigator Ralph Garrett says the charges against Dwyer stem from repeated spankings at a home in Crestview between September 2013 and February of this year. Those spankings left numerous bruises on the child's body. In addition, Dwyer is accused of putting the boy into a corner and forcefully pushing his face into a wall, causing bruises to the child's head and face. Garrett also outlined an incident in Destin where Dwyer was upset because the boy was crying. Investigators say Dwyer put him out in the parking lot in his car seat until he stopped crying, and then spanked the child hard before putting him back into the car.

Garrett says Waters was aware of the abuse and failed to report it to law enforcement or the Child Abuse Hotline. When the special needs child was removed from their care, he was suffering from an infected feeding tube, an eye infection, thrush, and severely decaying teeth.

The individual arrest reports detailing the charges are connected to the News Release.

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IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY FLORING COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dr. Keefe's impression was the pattern of injuries over the right deltoid, biceps and triceps areas, the petechiae behind the ear going into the anterior part of the cervical neck area, the petechiae over the groin and petechiae on the shaft of the penis along with the bruising and petechiae over the right buttock are consistent with inflicted bruises. This pattern of injury is very similar to the injuries that he presented with less than six months agowhile in the parent's home.
Between September 16, 2013 and February 14, 2014, the defendant Crimson Waters,
On or about June and July of 2013, victim, victim, 7 years of age came to visit with Waters at the same address mentioned above. During this visit witnessed the spankings to and also the pushing of his face/head into the wall/corner. He further saw bruising on body after these actions took place. On more than one occasion, Dwyer lost his temper with and grabbed his neck and pushed his face/head hard into the wall, holding him there for approximately 10 minutes. He would then spank him hard on each occasion, leaving marks/bruising. Waters also witnessed these actions against and made no effort or attempt to stop it. She also saw/had knowledge of the bruising on and made no effort or attempt to stop it.
On or about June or July of 2013 Dwyer was in his vehicle in a parking lot in the Destin, Florida area. Crimson Waters, Vicki Waters (Crimson's mother), and vere also present and started crying. Dwyer lost his temper about the crying and he removed from the vehicle. He then set outside in the parking lot in his car seat, and Dwyer got back into the vehicle. Dwyer sat and waited until stopped crying, at which point he went back to and spanked him hard, and then put him back inside the vehicle. Waters witnessed Dwyer setting and leaving in the parking lot/heat and failed to make any attempted to stop Dwyer, and didn't attempt to get out and get out of the parking lot herself.
Having knowledge of all of the above mentioned abuse, Waters never made a report to law enforcement or to the Abuse Hot Line, and chose to ignore it.
On December 22, 2013 at approximately 8:02am I received a phone call from Crimson Waters. Waters had left Crestview on an earlier date and traveled to Mississippi. She was distraught and stated she was driving from Mississippi back to Crestview. She continued that she couldn't take it anymore and had to "get away from there", (Dwyer's residence), and she was leaving him. Waters also stated that Dwyer had physically hurt her in the past and knew that he will do it again, and she also stated that he will kill her. She was asking for help in getting her vehicle from Dwyer's residence. On the same date at approximately 12:14pm an Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputy met Waters at Dwyer's residence. Waters was crying and was telling the deputy, (Deputy Cochran) how Dwyer had harmed her physically in the past, and she was in

fear for her life. Waters also requested that Deputy Cochran follow her to the county line.

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On September 16, 2013 an abuse report was filed due to unexplained bruising on right buttock area. A medical examination was conducted on September 18, 2013 by Dr. Lynn Keefe, Child Protection Team Examiner. Bruising was noted on forehead, his right temporal area, %cm diameter bruise over the right clavicle area and one on the left scapular area. On his left and right buttocks were lesions that were brown-yellow in color, with a very definite linear pattern. Underlying this area were scattered small 1 mm or 2 mm round bruises. There was more heavily bruising on the right side of the buttock as compared to the left. The left is somewhat affected medially. Below the diaper line area was a larger triangular bruise measuring 0.5cm at the base and 0.25cm at its height.
Dr. Keefe's impression was that these were inflicted injuries with a pattern consistent with an edged instrument or a handprint. Also, there were multiple areas of bruising, which would reflect repeated spanking.
On February 14, 2014 another abuse report was filed due to unexplained bruising on different areas of body. A medical examination was conducted on February 14, 2014 by Dr. Lynn Keefe, Child Protection Team Examiner. Dr. Keefe noted some dental caries (decay). A brownish circular bruise was noted on central forehead. At his right posterior cervical area, almost reaching up to the back of the ear was scattering of petechiae. On the right biceps back towards the triceps over the deltoid area, there were linear bruises and petechiae consistent with grab marks. In the genital area had a scattering of petechiae over the supra pubic area and even onto the shaft of the penis. On the creases of his skin, there was what appeared to be some skin breakdown. There were some raw linear marks in the creases of his skin and petechiae that blends into the inguinal areas bilaterally. On the posterior thigh, there are again petechiae with linear marks with linear pattern on the buttock, the right side being more heavily affected than the left and there was underlying linear bruising on the right lateral upper buttock mixed in with these petechiae. There was yellowish bruising over the vertebral bodies in the lower thoracic and upper lumbar area and Dr. Keefe felt that this may be from pressure from a seat tight chair where is propped for long periods of time.
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Between September 16, 2013 and February 14, 2014, the defendant Andrew Dwyer and his girlfriend Crimson Waters, were also living er witness statements and a forensic interview, Dwyer is very verbally abusive and has an extremely explosive temper. Dwyer is also the only person in the residence that physically disciplines or any other children in the home. On more than one occasion, during the time frame above, and while would be crying, Dwyer would grab heek with his thumb and his forefinger and would mash/pinch him, causing heek to bruise. Further, in order to stop from crying, Dwyer would put him in a corner of a room and push his head/face hard into the wall and hold him there for a short period of time, resulting in bruising facial/forehead area. On numerous occasions Dwyer would pick p and spank him hard, either in view of witnesses or in a room with witnesses hearing the spanking. Per witness statements, they would later see bruising on body. Dwyer would also tell his children not to tell anyone that he was "mean" or "yells and spanks".
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On or about November of 2013, Dwyer had a nanny hired to take care of the children. At one point he got mad

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