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January 29, 2015

THREE MONTH OLD CRITICAL - CRESTVIEW MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged a Crestview man with aggravated child abuse and felony battery in connection with life-threatening injuries suffered by a three month old baby.

The child's mother brought the infant to North Okaloosa Medical Center Wednesday evening (January 28th), claiming she had accidentally dropped the baby on its head at her Crestview home.

During a medical evaluation, the child had severe bruising to her face and a CT scan revealed the child had active bleeding on the brain, as well as signs of previous trauma in the healing stages. The infant was flown by helicopter to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola where she was last listed in critical condition.

When 25-year old David Fowler arrived at NOMC to comfort the mother, an OCSO Investigator says Fowler admitted to shaking the child that evening, as well as back on January 25th of this year, because it would not stop crying. He told the investigator the child was "spoiled by its mother". Deputies learned Fowler also called the mother at her work to tell her he had dropped the baby but he never called 9-1-1. The mother drove home, got the baby, and took it to North Okaloosa Medical Center, a round trip of approximately thirty-five miles.

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

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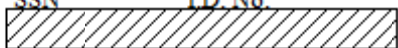
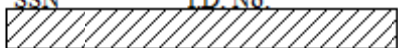
ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR000801

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF001030	Other No OCSO15CAD017115	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt
FOWLER **DAVID** **JOSHUA** **W** **M** **8/12/1989** **25** **6'04"** **235**
Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN ID No St Type OCA/Agency ID
HAZ **RED** **OCSO01MNI011356**   **FL** **E** **202322 FEL REG**

Birth Location: City: COLUMBUS County: State: GA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES
 Address

4057 PINE CONE TR CRESTVIEW FL 32539

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: LABORER, Entered: 7/25/2014

Business: GCI CONST., Job Title: LABORER, Entered: 10/20/2011

Business: CRESTVIEW HIGH, Job Title: STUDENT, Phone: 850 Entered: 6/25/2001

Suite:


Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

* none found in MNI *

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 1/28/2015 20:00 to 1/28/2015 22:06 Lat / Long 30.73689 / -86.55999
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)
 CRESTVIEW FL 32539 1 - 5 - -

[CHARGES]

784.041.1

BATTERY

COMMIT FELONY BATTERY

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Principal	130A		1319	








827.03.2a

CRUELTY TOWARD CHILD

AGGRAVATE CHILD ABUSE

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	First	Principal	130A		3802	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On January 28, 2015 at or about 8:45 pm,  brought her 3- month old daughter,  to the North Okaloosa Medical Center with head trauma.  told medical personnel she had been holding  and as  stood up, she dropped  causing the child to fall on her head. The incident occurred at her residence,  in Crestview, Florida.

During medical examination, the child had severe bruising to her forehead and cheek areas. Based on the visible injuries, the Emergency Room physician (Dr. Alshazley) ordered a CT Scan of the child's head. As a result of that test, it was learned the child had a subdural hematoma which was actively bleeding. The scan also showed signs of previous trauma, which was recent but in the healing stages. The child was in a medical crisis and had to be intubated and flown by helicopter to a trauma center in Pensacola, Florida. As of this writing, the victim is in critical condition and the prognosis is poor.

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During the initial interview with [REDACTED] she declined knowledge of any previous injury to her child and took responsibility for the injury this evening.

After her boyfriend, David Joshua Fowler, arrived at the hospital to comfort [REDACTED] he was met by Investigator Nolan Weeks. He immediately showed signs of deception while talking with Investigator Weeks and later, during a non-custodial interview he admitted to shaking the child this evening. He stated that the child began to vomit and went limp. The child became lethargic and whimpered. He also admitted to shaking the child on Sunday, January 25, 2015, but the child did not stop crying. When asked what would cause him to shake the child, he said the child is spoiled by its mother. He stated on both days, the child would not stop crying so he shook her to make her stop. On both occasions he was in a custodial/care giver status and was caring for this child and both of her siblings.

It was also determined Mr. Fowler called [REDACTED] at her place of employment telling her he had dropped [REDACTED] and "might have broken her neck". Mr. Fowler never made an attempt to call 9-1-1 after harming [REDACTED] [REDACTED] left her job, drove approximately 19.8 miles to her residence, retrieved the child, then drove an additional 15.3 miles back to the hospital with the child before she was able to receive medical treatment.

This offense occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida where your affiant is a sworn law enforcement officer. Based on the above information your affiant has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe, the defendant David Joshua Fowler committed the offenses of Aggravated Child Abuse and Felony Battery in violation of FSS 827.03 (1a) and 784.041(1a), respectively, and the actions of the defendant are contrary to the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (Arresting Officer) SMITH, MICHAEL F 070 ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 29 day of January A.D., 2015 by [REDACTED] who is personally known to me or has produced [REDACTED] as identification.

[REDACTED] Notary Public [REDACTED] LEO [REDACTED] CO

Commission No: [REDACTED] My Commission Expires [REDACTED]

[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
1/28/2015 22:06	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No
		Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol
		No	Within jurisdiction	No
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City
151		REDSTONE		CRESTVIEW
Arresting Officer			Unit	(GEO) 1 - 5 - -
070 SMITH, MICHAEL F			OCSO/FSV/INV/CID	Officer Type
Reporting Officer			Unit	Original Offense Jurisdiction
070 SMITH, MICHAEL F			OCSO/FSV/INV/CID	OCSO

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Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge None ROR/Sign
 Cash PTR
 Any
 Pro
 PtiQ

Purge _____
 SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 3/3/2015 Time: 13:30
 Instructions: _____

[DISPOSITION]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
<u>Release Date</u> <u>Release Time</u> <u>Release Officer</u>		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u> No
<u>Released To</u>		

<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>
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[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

COURT DISPOSITION: _____

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- No Bill / Petition Issue Warrant Prosecution Approved

 Signature of Assistant State Attorney Date

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