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October 21, 2014

## **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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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 ago while in the parent's home.

Between September 16, 2013 and February 14, 2014, the defendant Crimson Waters, [REDACTED] and her boyfriend, Andrew Dwyer were also living at [REDACTED]. Per 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 [REDACTED] or any other children [REDACTED]. On more than one occasion, during the time frame above, and while [REDACTED] would be crying, Dwyer would grab [REDACTED] cheek with his thumb and his forefinger and would mash/pinch him, causing [REDACTED] cheek to bruise. Further, in order to stop [REDACTED] 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 his facial/forehead area. On numerous occasions Dwyer would pick [REDACTED] up 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 [REDACTED] body. Dwyer would also tell his children not to tell anyone that he was "mean" or "yells and spansks". Waters was also present during the spankings and the placing of [REDACTED] in the corner, against the wall, and she made no effort or attempt to stop it. She further had knowledge of the bruising.

On or about June and July of 2013, [REDACTED] victim, [REDACTED] 7 years of age came to visit with Waters at the same address mentioned above. During this visit [REDACTED] witnessed the spankings to [REDACTED] and also the pushing of his face/head into the wall/corner. He further saw bruising on [REDACTED] body after these actions took place. On more than one occasion, Dwyer lost his temper with [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] and made no effort or attempt to stop it. She also saw/had knowledge of the bruising on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On or about June or July of 2013 Dwyer was in his vehicle in a parking lot in the Destin, Florida area. [REDACTED] Crimson Waters, Vicki Waters (Crimson's mother), and [REDACTED] were also present and [REDACTED] started crying. Dwyer lost his temper about the crying and he removed [REDACTED] from the vehicle. He then set [REDACTED] outside in the parking lot in his car seat, and Dwyer got back into the vehicle. Dwyer sat and waited until [REDACTED] stopped crying, at which point he went back to [REDACTED] and spanked him hard, and then put him back inside the vehicle. Waters witnessed Dwyer setting and leaving [REDACTED] in the parking lot/heat and failed to make any attempted to stop Dwyer, and didn't attempt to get out and get [REDACTED] 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.

Waters, knowing that Dwyer had hurt her physically in the past and that he was a threat, continued to take [REDACTED]

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[redacted] into Dwyer's residence. This was done, knowing the threat was present that the children could be harmed, and she took no action to protect them.

Per a sworn witness statement, Crimson told a witness directly that she had lied to me about the abuse report that was filed in September of 2013. She further told the witness that she knows that Dwyer beats [redacted] and she had covered for Dwyer. Crimson also told the witness that Dwyer was going to kill her and [redacted]

On February 26, 2014 [redacted] was removed from Waters and placed into Medical Foster Care. At the time of removal [redacted] had severe decaying teeth/multiple cavities, his G-tube was infected, he had an eye infection, and he had Thrush. It was apparent that Waters had not sought any medical help for his teeth.

I have reason to believe and do believe that Crimson Waters violated Florida Statute 827.03(2d); Child Neglect (2cts) in Okaloosa County, Florida.

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Signature (Arresting Officer) BACHTEL, RICHARD L 164
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 21 day of October A.D., 2014 by [redacted] who is personally known to me or has produced [redacted] as identification.

Signature [redacted] Notary Public LEO CO

Commission No: [redacted] My Commission Expires [redacted]

Supervisor Signature Date Supervisor Name (Please Print) Rank

[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested 10/21/2014 13:18 Residency Within state Injured None Extent of Injury N/A Resist No
Arrested Prior Yes Arrest Jurisdiction Within jurisdiction Alcohol No Drugs No
No. 1200 Di E Street JAMES LEE BD A/L City CRESTVIEW ST FL Zip 32539 Lat / Long 30.7625 / -86.55806
Arresting Officer 164 BACHTEL, RICHARD L Unit OCSO/ADMINSERV/JUDICIALPROC/CIVIL (GEO) 1 - 5 - - Officer Type
Reporting Officer 061 GARRETT, RALPH D Unit OCSO/FSV/INV/CID Original Offense Jurisdiction OCSO

Forward to for approval
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Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- ( ) None
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Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 12/2/2014 Time: 13:30  
 Instructions: CRESTVIEW COURTHOUSE COURTROOM A

[ COURT INFORMATION ]

Court	Judge	Date
Sent <b>CIRCUIT</b>		
Rcvd <b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>10/15/2014</b>
Court Case Number <b>14-1529</b>		

Assigned To:

[ 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>Released To</u>		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u>
		<b>No</b>
<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>	

[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Assistant State Attorney                      Date

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Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO14OFF001529	Other No OCSO14CAD027222	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hgt</u>	<u>Wgt</u>
DWYER	ANDREW	BRENDON		W	M	4/23/1983	31	602	200
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MINI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>LD No</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
HAZ	BLK	OCSO03MNI003404	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	FL	E	188022		

Birth Location: City: LONG ISLAND County: SUFFUCK State: NEW YORK Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

220 INDIGO LOOP MIRAMAR BEACH FL 32550

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: DVS GROUP, Job Title: OWNER, Entered: 12/31/2013

Business: DVS GROUP, Job Title: PRESIDENT, Entered: 2/17/2012  
PENSACOLA

Business: FORCLOSURE MAINT CO, Job Title: MAINT, Entered: 10/12/2011

Business: SELF EMPLOYED, Job Title: CLEANING SERVICE OWN, Entered: 9/20/2005  
Suite:

Business: U.S. AIR FORCE, Job Title: , Entered: 5/13/2003  
Suite:

Business: USAF, Job Title: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, Entered: 2/25/2003  
Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

BRENDON, ANDREW  
DOUYER, ANDREW B 4/23/1983  
DWEYER, ANDREW 4/23/1983  
DWYER, ANDREW BRENDON 4/23/1983  
DWYER, ANDREW B 4/23/1983

Street Names

\* none found in MINI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 2/5/2014 12:27 to 2/14/2014 12:27 Lat / Long 30.7965 / -86.55316

No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
4816	N	MOSLEY LN		CRESTVIEW	FL	32539	1 - 2 - PG17 - 0-14

[ CHARGES ]

827.032c

CRUELTY TOWARD CHILD

ABUSE CHILD WITHOUT GREAT BODILYHARM

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
2	Felony	Third	Not Applicable	130B		3802	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

Based on two Florida Intake Reports, sworn witness statements, medical records, a counselor report, and a forensic interview all stating to wit:

Between September 16, 2013 and February 14, 2014 the victim, [REDACTED] 3 years of age was living at [REDACTED] in Crestview, Florida Okaloosa County. [REDACTED] is a special needs child with several medical issues, and he is totally dependent and can't walk or pick himself up. He is limited to very few words, if any that he can speak. He also suffers from cranial nerve injury and is developmentally delayed, and has right-sided paralysis.

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On September 16, 2013 an abuse report was filed due to unexplained bruising on [REDACTED] right buttock area. A medical examination was conducted on September 18, 2013 by Dr. Lynn Keefe, Child Protection Team Examiner. Bruising was noted on [REDACTED] forehead, his right temporal area, ¾cm 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 1mm or 2mm 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] 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, [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] 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, [REDACTED] were also living [REDACTED]. Per 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 [REDACTED], or any other children in the home. On more than one occasion, during the time frame above, and while [REDACTED] would be crying, Dwyer would grab [REDACTED] cheek with his thumb and his forefinger and would mash/pinch him, causing [REDACTED] cheek to bruise. Further, in order to stop [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] facial/forehead area. On numerous occasions Dwyer would pick [REDACTED] up 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 [REDACTED] body. Dwyer would also tell his children not to tell anyone that he was "mean" or "yells and spansks".

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On or about June or July of 2013 Dwyer was in his vehicle in a parking lot in the Destin, Florida area. Dylan, Crimson Waters, Vicki Waters (Crimson's mother), and [REDACTED] were also present and [REDACTED] started crying. Dwyer lost his temper about the crying and he removed [REDACTED] from the vehicle. He then set [REDACTED] outside in the parking lot in his car seat, and Dwyer got back into the vehicle. Dwyer sat and waited until [REDACTED] stopped crying, at which point he went back to [REDACTED] spanked him hard, and then put him back inside the vehicle.

On or about November of 2013, Dwyer had a nanny hired to take care of [REDACTED] and his children. At one point he got mad

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and lost his temper with the nanny, due to her being sick and not being able to care of [redacted] Dwyer had to go to the nanny's residence at 716 Majestic Drive in the Crestview area to pick the victim up. He then began screaming/yelling at the nanny. He was holding [redacted] during this time and while yelling, he dropped [redacted] which hit the side of couch and then fell onto the floor. Dwyer didn't attempt to check on [redacted] at all, and the nanny had to pick him up from the floor to check him.

I have reason to believe and do believe that Andrew Dwyer violated Florida Statute 827.03(2c); Child Abuse (2cts) in Okaloosa County, Florida.

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Signature (Arresting Officer) \_\_\_\_\_ BACHTEL, RICHARD L \_\_\_\_\_ 164 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 21 day of October A.D., 2014 by \_\_\_\_\_  
who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested 10/21/2014 13:10	Residency Within state	Injured None	Extent of Injury N/A	Resist No			
		Arrested Prior Yes	Alcohol No	Drugs No			
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip	Lat / Long
1200	E	JAMES LEE BD		CRESTVIEW	FL	32539	30.7625 / -86.55806
Arresting Officer 164	BACHTEL, RICHARD L		Unit OCSO/ADMINSERV/JUDICIALPROC/CIVIL	(GEO)	1 - 5 - -	Officer Type	
Reporting Officer 061	GARRETT, RALPH D		Unit OCSO/FSV/INV/CID			Original Offense Jurisdiction OCSO	
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Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

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[ COURT INFORMATION ]

Court Judge Date
Sent CIRCUIT
Rcvd CIRCUIT WARD 10/15/2014
Court Case Number 14-1529

Assigned To:

[ DISPOSITION ]

Disposition Type Release Type Other Desc
Release Date Release Time Release Officer Printed Printed By
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Released To

Court DispositionType Court Disposition Description

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Signature of Assistant State Attorney Date

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