



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



William M. Breault
Chief of Police

DOVER POLICE ANNOUNCE ARREST IN CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION

DOVER, NH, March 30, 2020 - Chief William Breault announces the arrest of Shaun Champey, 29, of Dover, NH for First Degree Assault, a class A felony, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

On March 17, 2020, the Dover Police Department and the Division of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) were notified by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital staff of a suspicious injury to an infant female. The victim had been brought to the hospital by her mother, and was determined to have a fractured femur.

Detectives from the department's Special Investigations Unit, along with child protective workers from DCYF conducted an investigation at the hospital and determined that the injury was caused by Shaun Champey while he was caring for the baby. In addition to recklessly causing the injury to the infant's leg, detectives determined this was not an isolated incident, and that Champey had violently shaken the baby on several occasions.

In total, Champey was charged with First Degree Assault for recklessly breaking the infant's left femur; one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for failing to provide medical care for the leg injury, and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for shaking the baby.

DPD detectives obtained a warrant for Champey's arrest and on March 30, 2020 at 12:45 P.M., he surrendered himself at the Dover Police Department. Champey was held in preventative detention and released to the custody of the Strafford County House of Corrections. He is scheduled to be arraigned in the Strafford County Superior Court on March 31, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Anyone with related information is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Anonymous tips may be called into the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000 or via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

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