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Father Arrested for Felony Child Abuse

3 Month Old Suffered from Shaken Baby Syndrome

[Harrisonburg, VA] – On June 7, 2016, members of the Harrisonburg Police Department along with members of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Family Health and Child Protective Services responded to the Sentara RMH Medical Center to investigate injuries to a male infant child 3 months old. The child was unresponsive upon arrival to the center. Medical personnel were able to stabilize and treat the child who was then transported to the Roanoke Memorial Hospital Child Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Through the investigation, it was determined the child suffered internal head hemorrhaging consistent with Shaken Impact Syndrome also known as Shaken Baby Syndrome. The investigation also revealed the child suffered another injury earlier that same day from a separate incident.

On Thursday, June 23, 2016, the Harrisonburg Police Department charged 20 year old Shawn Patrick Lackey of Harrisonburg with 2 counts of Felony Child Abuse. Lackey is the father of the 3 month old child.

We at the Harrisonburg Police Department encourage citizens to be familiar with this type of abuse and know the warning signs. In doing so, together we can prevent injuries or death and better help the children in our community. Anyone interested in learning more about Shaken Baby Syndrome or wishing to help prevent this trauma can visit the Virginia Department of Social Services website at this quick link, https://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/shaken_baby.cgi for more information.

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