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Incident: Aggravated Battery to a Child; June 23, 2023
Release Date: Friday July 28, 2023
Case Numbers: CA-23-004781

On June 23, 2023 the Cary Police Department received information from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) regarding an approximately 4-week old baby that was suspected to be the victim of child abuse.

Initial information obtained from DCFS indicated the male child was taken to the emergency department at a local hospital by a parent on the evening of June 22, 2023 after the child was experiencing seizures or a similar medical event. Upon being evaluated by emergency medical personnel, the child was transported to Lutheran General Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for more advanced medical care. It was learned the child sustained a broken arm and a brain injury.

A criminal investigation ensued into the circumstances leading to the child's injuries. The investigation was conducted in cooperation with the McHenry County Crimes Against Children Task Force.

In consultation with the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, criminal charges were filed against the child's father, 22-year old Tristan Johnson of Cary, for two (2) counts of aggravated battery to a child, both Class X Felonies. A Class X Felony is punishable by a term of imprisonment not less than 6 years and not more than 30 years.

On July 27, 2023 an arrest warrant was obtained for Mr. Johnson. On July 28, 2023 Mr. Johnson was taken into custody in Cary by the Cary Department and transported to the McHenry County Jail in Woodstock. Mr. Johnson's bond was set at \$500,000.

The child has since been released from the hospital and care of the child is being coordinated by DCFS.

Charges are not findings of guilt by a court, and all arrestees should be assumed innocent until proven guilty.

Arrestee Information:

Name: Tristan Johnson, 22 years old
Address: 50 Linden Ct., Cary, Illinois, 60013
Charges: Two (2) Counts - Aggravated Battery to a Child – Class X Felony

