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## Investigation

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION COMPILED BY DETECTIVES RANDY TLUMAC, DAN RANDALL AND ALAN PIPES IN REFERENCE TO FELONIOUS ASSAULT REPORT #2008-6587.

### Synopsis

This investigation will show that on 03/12/2008 CRAIG and CRYSTAL WILSON engaged in a verbal argument at their residence, [REDACTED]. Afterwards CRYSTAL left for a meeting leaving CRAIG to care for their two-month old child CAMRYN WILSON. The investigation will further show that CRAIG later became frustrated and prior to laying CAMRYN down in his swing he squeezed and shook him to the point that he became unresponsive. CAMRYN was later taken by the mother to Akron Children's Hospital where it was found that he suffered severe injuries that included a fractured skull, subdural bleeding on the brain, as well as fractured ribs, some in different stages of healing.

### Investigation details

On 03/13/2008 OFFICER REUBEN MILLER responded to Akron Children's Hospital in reference to possible child abuse. Upon his arrival he spoke to social worker ANDREA LEVER (LEVER). She explained that two months old CAMRYN WILSON (CAMRYN) arrived there with his mother CRYSTAL WILSON (CRYSTAL) earlier in the evening due to CAMRYN suffering from severe injuries to which were noted as fractures to the head and chest, some in different stages of healing as well as subdural bleeding on the head. Detectives TLUMAC and RANDALL responded shortly thereafter to continue the investigation.

LEVER told Detectives that CAMRYN was left with the dad CRAIG WILSON (CRAIG) earlier this evening while mom was out at a meeting and during that time he suffered these injuries. Detectives interviewed CRYSTAL first. Both interviews were conducted in the conference/break room at the CARE center.

CRYSTAL'S interview was digitally recorded. CRYSTAL began by explaining how she had met CRAIG through AA and co-ed softball league. She said she had known him as friends for three or so years and they married on 09/15/2007 and she was already

pregnant by him with CAMRYN. CRYSTAL said they both have a child from previous relationships, her having nine-year old TABITHA [REDACTED] and him having two-year old CORRINE [REDACTED]. She said they all live together, although CORRINE is technically supposed to be with her mom ELIZABETH [REDACTED] (ELIZABETH), she is always staying with them.

She said everything had been fine with CAMRYN up until now. She said CRAIG fed CAMRYN the night before. She said she got CRAIG up for work and he left around 0700 hours. CRYSTAL said she and CAMRYN both had doctor appointments at 1300 hours. His was for immunization shots and hers for birth control. She said she picked CRAIG up on the way at his work, as he wanted to go with them.

After their appointment they went home. She said she and CRAIG got into an argument over ELIZABETH before she left for her AA meeting at 1900 hours. She said that ELIZABETH is the only thing they fight about. She said during this argument she called CRAIG a "pussy" and threw her wedding ring at him.

She said she and TABITHA left then to go to her AA meeting. She said CAMRYN was fine when she left. She said her meeting got out early and they arrived home shortly after 2100 hours with TABITHA going directly to her room. CRYSTAL said she heard gasps coming from CAMRYN in his baby swing.

CRYSTAL asked CRAIG about it and he said he heard it, but said CAMRYN was okay. She said CAMRYN'S name loudly and rubbed his head, but got no response. She said she told CRAIG she was going to take him to the hospital. She said she briefly talked to an on-call doctor about CAMRYN over the telephone prior to leaving and then drove CAMRYN to the hospital.

She said she called CRAIG about an hour after arriving at the hospital. She said she told him to get up to the hospital now. He asked why and asked what was going on. She told him to just get up there and he arrived shortly thereafter with his sister.

She said the doctor had told her that CAMRYN had skull and rib fractures. She said she was also told that he had brain damage and that he might not live. She said he told her it could be abuse or a bone disease. She was told it could also cause him to be blind or deaf for the rest of his life. She said CRAIG mentioned to her at the hospital that CAMRYN'S head may have went back when he put CAMRYN in the swing earlier and asked her if that may have caused it and she said she told him no. This concluded the interview with CRYSTAL.

Detectives then interviewed CRAIG. His statement was also digitally recorded. CRAIG was first read the Cuyahoga Falls Police Warning and Consent to Speak form. He initialed it, signed it and agreed to give a statement.

CRAIG went through his personal information and it was consistent with CRYSTAL in how he met her, got married and had CAMRYN. CRAIG mentioned that it was kind of an issue in that they had CORRINE more than they should yet he was still obligated to pay her child support. He mentioned how CAMRYN was sick about a week or so ago.

He was cared for at Akron Children's Hospital and it was determined that he was dehydrated. CRAIG went into what led up to today's events. He said he only got a few hours of sleep the night before. He said he fed CAMRYN a few hours before having to get up for work and afterwards put him in his swing. He said CAMRYN was awake and alert then.

He said he later went to CRYSTAL and CAMRYN'S doctor appointments. CRAIG said after that they went home. He said before CRYSTAL left for her meeting they got into the argument about ELIZABETH. He said the biggest issue between he and CRYSTAL is ELIZABETH. He said CRYSTAL called him a few names such as "asshole". CRAIG said he got mad and threw his wedding ring at her and she then threw hers at him. He said CRYSTAL and TABITHA then left around 1900 hours for the AA meeting leaving CAMRYN with him.

CRAIG said he took CAMRYN with him downstairs so he could watch TV. CRAIG said he changed CAMRYN'S diaper in the changing room (CAMRYN'S bedroom) and then fed him a bottle. He said everything was normal. He said after that he put him in the swing, which is located next to the living room couch. He said CAMRYN was sleeping at the time he put him down at 2030 hours.

CRAIG said CRYSTAL came home around 2115 hours. He said CRYSTAL noticed right away that CAMRYN'S breathing was weird. She took him out of the swing and they both noticed that CAMRYN was kind of limp. He said CRYSTAL called out CAMRYN'S name and rubbed his head in a way to get a response. CRAIG said he had noticed earlier when it was just he and CAMRYN that his breathing was quiet every so often and that he kind of made a moan.

CRAIG said CAMRYN always would cry when taken out of his swing, but this time there was nothing, that he was "really limp, kind of unconscious" and pale. He said CRYSTAL talked to a doctor on the phone and then took CAMRYN to the hospital. CRAIG said he stayed behind with TABITHA and waited to hear from CRYSTAL.

He said CRYSTAL called twenty minutes to a half hour later from the hospital and told him he needed to get up there right away. He said he went up there with his sister and initially spoke to the doctor by himself. CRAIG said after running tests the doctor explained they had found fractured ribs, a cracked skull, blood on the brain and possibly that CAMRYN was brain damaged. When CRAIG was asked what he was thinking at that point he said he got warm, that he never had to deal with information about "a kid" like that. He said he didn't know what to do, that he was worried and overwhelmed.

He said that at that point CRYSTAL came in and the doctor re-explained to her what was told to CRAIG. CRAIG said the doctor also said the police may be involved and would want to talk to them. CRAIG named a few things the doctor told them that could've been the reason for the injuries and CRAIG listed them as weak bones, anemic and also because CAMRYN was young and small. He then said it could be a number of other things such as possible abuse "obviously".

CRAIG was asked if the doctors explained the head fracture. CRAIG said he thought they told him it was in the back of the head, that there was the possibility of us (police) coming and that there may be further action after that. He was asked what he thought happened to CAMRYN. CRAIG said he had no idea, that CAMRYN has bumped his head in the past in the car seat, in the swing and on the changing table. He was asked about recent occurrences where CAMRYN may have hit his head and CRAIG said he honestly didn't think so, but if he did he didn't see it bad enough to where it would have caused injuries that severe.

CRAIG said he was upset over the argument he had earlier with CRYSTAL. He said he was frustrated. He said he even tried having his mom watch CAMRYN so he could go out and clear his head. CRAIG was told Detectives didn't think he would intentionally hurt CAMRYN. CRAIG said even by accident he didn't see it happening because it would have to be something serious.

CRAIG did mention that none of us know our strength and that it might not take nearly as much as we think. CRAIG was asked if he did this to CAMRYN and he initially said no. He was asked how he could explain the injuries CAMRYN received while he was in his care. He said he knew it pointed to him.

CRAIG then would say that CAMRYN might have hit his head while he was being changed in the changing room on the table. CRAIG would also admit to shaking CAMRYN and putting him in the swing harder than usual. He said unlike all the other times he put CAMRYN in his swing, he didn't support the back of CAMRYN'S head on this occasion. He said looking back he obviously should've done something after it happened.

CRAIG was asked if he told CRYSTAL about that and he said no because he was afraid. He said he was hoping it would be okay. He said the argument with his wife over ELIZABETH was part of the reason he did this to CAMRYN. CRAIG said he caused the hitting of the head, but he still denied knowing how CAMRYN injured his ribs. He said CAMRYN'S head did "fling back a little tiny bit quicker than normal". He said after that he froze and was in shock due to the injuries that might have been caused by him.

CRAIG was told the doctors were going to tell Detectives the injuries were caused by shaking. He was told Detectives wanted the entire truth from him and CRAIG then admitted to shaking CAMRYN on the way from the changing table to the living room. He said he also squeezed him. CRAIG said CAMRYN was crying prior to shaking him and stopped after he shook him.

CRAIG said this is the first time he took his frustration out on CAMRYN. He said it wasn't the right thing to do and that there were consequences for his action. He was told that when CAMRYN stopped crying and was unresponsive he had to realize he should've called for help and CRAIG agreed with that statement.

The interview ended and CRAIG was told he was going to be arrested. He understood. Detectives had CRAIG wait outside while Detectives made CRYSTAL aware of the situation and what CRAIG told Detectives. Detectives later transported CRAIG to the

police department. Detective TLUMAC contacted Prosecutor GREG WARD by phone and it was determined CRAIG would be charged with Felonious Assault and Child Endangering, both Felonies of the Second Degree.

CRAIG was booked and placed in CFPD jail until his arraignment in the morning. He went before Judge KIM HOOVER and was released on a 10%-\$25,000 bond.

CRYSTAL signed a "Consent to Search Property" form and Detective PIPES went to her residence [REDACTED] to take photographs of the crime scene. The photos were later transposed to CD-R. The evidence obtained at this point was logged into property #33729. Detective Randall also had CRYSTAL sign an authorization for Release of Medical information on CAMRYN and the form was later faxed to the hospital.

On 03/18/2008 Detective TLUMAC retrieved CAMRYN'S medical records. In the records it noted that test results indicated probable healing rib fractures and at least one current rib fracture. The CAT scan also shows a traumatic brain injury as a result of suspected abuse.

This concludes the investigation with the arrest of CRAIG R. WILSON for Felonious Assault, ORC Section 2903.11, F2 and Child Endangering, ORC Section 2919.22, F2.

**Arrested:** CRAIG R. WILSON

[REDACTED]  
W/M DOB: 02//08/80  
CFPD ID#183905

**Charges:** Felonious Assault, ORC Section 2903.11, F2 and Child Endangering, ORC Section 2919.22, F2

**Evidence/  
Property:**

#33729-  
A) CFPD Warning and Consent to Speak form of CRAIG WILSON  
B) CD-R containing Crime Scene photos of 3222 Wilson Street  
C) Consent to Search Property form of CRYSTAL WILSON  
D) Packet of medical information on CAMRYN WILSON

DB#-3729-Interview of CRYSTAL WILSON  
DB#-3730-Interview of CRAIG WILSON

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