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LCSO Arrests Two in Child Abuse Investigation

Yesterday, around 11 am, the Leon County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the 4700 block of Crossway Court in reference to a possible child abuse. When deputies arrived on scene, they were advised the 2-year-old female needed to be transported to the emergency room. The child was taken to a local hospital with severe injuries where she is still being treated.

Initially 26-year-old Heather Reid told deputies the child fell causing her injuries. However, the injuries observed were not consistent with a fall.

LCSO Special Victims Unit detectives were called to the hospital to continue the investigation. Through this investigation, probable cause was established for the Reid's, the child's mother, arrest, as well as for Reid's live-in boyfriend, 23-year-old Clayton Pafford. Pafford left the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. LCSO deputies, along with members of the U.S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force and the Florida Highway Patrol, searched for Pafford all night.

Today, about 11:30 am, a member of LCSO's Special Projects Investigations Detection Enforcement Response (SPIDER) Unit and members of the Florida Highway Patrol located Pafford driving a vehicle on Back Forrest Road. Members initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and Pafford refused to stop. Members of the Florida Highway Patrol joined LCSO in the pursuit. A member of the SPIDER unit then deployed stop sticks in the southbound travel lane of Old Woodville Highway. Pafford swerved toward the deputy onto a bike path next to the road. After barely missing the deputy, Pafford turned back onto Old Woodville Highway and crossed over Bob Miller Road. FHP troopers took the lead in the pursuit and utilized a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) to stop Pafford's vehicle.

Pafford did not comply with the commands of the law enforcement officers to surrender and a LCSO K9 had to be used to assist with taking him into custody. Pafford had a passenger in the vehicle he refused to let out while he was refusing to stop for law enforcement.

Pafford was treated at a local hospital and taken to the Leon County Detention Facility.



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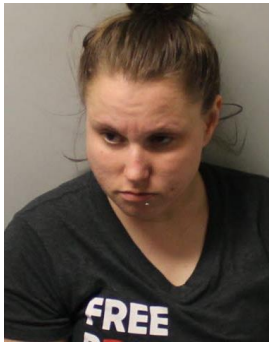
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ARRESTED:



Heather P. Reid
Date of Birth: 6/14/1992

CHARGES:
Child Neglect with
Great Bodily Harm
Child Neglect without
Great Bodily Harm



Clayton S Pafford (Previous
Mugshot from 2016
Date of Birth: 2/3/1996

CHARGES:
Aggravated Child Abuse (2
Counts)
Fleeing and Eluding
Resisting Arrest with Violence
Injuring Police Dog
False Imprisonment
Aggravated Assault on a Law
Enforcement Officer



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