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Tigard Man Charged in Child Abuse Case

A Tigard man is facing serious charges in connection with the severe physical abuse of an 18-month-old child.

Tigard Police Detectives were notified about the suspected abuse on Thursday, January 13th, 2022, by staff at Randall Children's Hospital, where the 18-month-old was being treated for life-threatening injuries.

The child was in the hospital with his mother, while her boyfriend and 5-year-old child returned home. Detectives identified the mother's boyfriend, Brandon Stevens (DOB 3/28/1988), as the suspect in this case. He had been the primary caregiver for her two children while she was away at work each day.

Out of a concern for the safety of the 5-year-old, detectives accompanied the mother to her apartment in the 9800 block of SW Frewing Street to remove the girl from Mr. Stevens' care. When they arrived, detectives found the 5-year-old girl home alone and Mr. Stevens was gone. The little girl was not hurt.

Later that day, Mr. Stevens was found in the 11900 block of SW Manzanita Court. Several police resources responded to the area and Mr. Stevens was safely taken into custody. He was taken to the Washington County Jail on charges of assault I (a Measure 11 crime), child neglect II and criminal mistreatment I. He also had three outstanding warrants for his arrest: two in Lane County and one in Marion County.

The 18-month-old is expected to remain in the hospital for several weeks and requires ongoing medical care.

If you suspect a child is being abused, report it to the Oregon Department of Human Services by calling the 24-hour hotline at 1-855-503-SAFE. If you think someone is being hurt or is in danger, call 911 immediately.