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JOHNSON CITY COUPLE ARRESTED AFTER WCSO INVESTIGATION INTO INFANT WITH MULTIPLE BONE FRACTURES.

According to Chief Deputy Leighta Laitinen, a Johnson City couple was arrested on a criminal court indictment after an investigation by the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division.

The investigation began in April, after a six-month old child was taken to the hospital for a possible broken arm. A medical evaluation revealed that the child had a total of four bone fractures in the arm, leg, and rib areas. All of the fractures were in various stages of healing, meaning they most likely occurred at different times.

Investigators interviewed the parents of the child, Katarina Finney, age 24, and Troy Hicks, age 30, both of 1142 Huffine Rd #37, Johnson City; and they could not provide an explanation for the injuries.

The Sheriff's Office, Department of Children's Services, and the District Attorney's Office consulted with multiple medical experts about this case and learned the injuries were most likely caused by "non-accidental trauma".

The case was presented to the Washington County Grand Jury in August and indictments were received on September 3

Earlier today, Finney and Hicks were taken into custody while appearing in court on an unrelated matter. They are both now being held at the Washington County Detention Center on a \$50,000 bond each. Both have been charged with one count of aggravated child abuse and one count of aggravated child neglect.

They will appear in Washington County Criminal Court later this year.



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