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ARREST MADE IN PHYSICAL ABUSE OF A CHILD IN LOWER PROVIDENCE



Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Lower Providence Township Police Chief Francis Carroll announce the arrest of Bruce Long. Long was charged with Aggravated Assault, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and related offenses.

On April 20, 2015, the Lower Providence Township Police Department began an investigation into a case of suspected child physical abuse involving a 3 month old infant. The infant was treated at Einstein Medical Hospital and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for skull, arm, and leg fractures.

Investigators quickly learned that Long caused injuries to the infant while the infant was in his care. Specifically, investigators learned that Long forcefully grabbed both of the infant's legs, twisted them, and caused the infant's head to strike a set of drawers at the bottom of a bed.

DA Ferman said, "the physical abuse of such a young, helpless infant will not be tolerated in our community and those who commit such acts will be held accountable."

Chief Carroll said, "this arrest again demonstrates the collaborative efforts of the Lower Providence Township Police Department, Montgomery County Detective Bureau, Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth Services and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office in investigating this unforgivable act of violence to an infant."

Bruce Long was arraigned before District Judge Kathleen Rebar. Long's bail was set at \$100,000 cash. Long's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2015 at 9:30 AM before Judge Rebar.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ben McKenna.

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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