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On 01/01/16 at about 1105 hours I located Donald Coons and Jerrica Schreib at 2608 Virginia Ave. I arrested them on Detective Eviston's probable cause which I have included below:

On 12/18/15 at approximately 0546 hours, the Everett Fire Department was dispatched to the Far West Motel at 6030 Evergreen Way, #131 in Everett, Washington for an unresponsive three month old infant. The baby's biologic mother Jerrica D. Schreib D/04/25/96 reported that her three month old baby 15 to 15 b D/09/09/15 was possibly having an allergic reaction to gripe water.

Everett Fire Personnel requested a police response; Child Protective Services were also notified.

It was later learned that staying at the motel since 12/16/15 were Jerrica D. Schreib D/04/25/96, her daughter M.M.S D/09/09/15, Jerrica's boyfriend Donald K. Coons D/10/10/73 and his three daughters I.R.C. D/11/09/01, I.J.C D/06/30/02, and I. D. C. d/07/16/04. Prior to this, the family had been living together in a trailer at an address in unincorporated Snohomish County for approximately eight weeks. Schreib moved herself and her infant in with her new boyfriend (Coons) and his girls, essentially becoming a family unit. During interviews the girls referred to Jerrica Schreib and Coons as their "Parents" and described no other adults living with them in the residence.

Upon arrival at Providence Everett Medical Center, medical personnel informed me MMS had multiple broken bones including varying vintage rib fractures, a healing broken arm, and numerous other unexplained injuries to include a laceration underneath her chin.

Schreib, whom I met at the infant's bedside, reported to me that MMS was completely normal prior to the medic response and did not have any history of falls or previous trauma. She told me Coons was the father of the infant. After medical staff began to ask about the fractures, Schreib then offered that the child had fallen off the bed when she was changing her diaper; she said the child only cried for five minutes and when she called the nurse hotline she was advised that if she could move her arm normally then she did not need to be seen by a Doctor. When I asked about the child's right eye, which was an apparent healing black eye, Schreib stated that her Doctor told her that was normal and due to fluid buildup on her head, implying a Doctor had seen this concern. I observed a Band-Aid underneath MMS's chin and asked Schreib to remove it so I could see the injury, when Schreib was reluctant to pull the Band-Aid off off, a nurse stepped in and did so. Underneath the Band-Aid was a large gaping gash that Schreib described as an infected milk rash, telling me the Doctor told her this was what it was. Schreib did not offer a Doctor's name or visit date. MMS was transported to Children's Hospital in critical condition via Airlift Northwest where she was later pronounced deceased.

Children's Hospital reported MMS had a suspicious, severe, spiral fracture that anyone caring for her would have been aware of due to the amount of pain the infant would have been in; the break was described as being likely "weeks" old and partially healed. The rib fractures varied from new to old based on the pattern of healing observed by medical professionals. They also reported a laceration to her liver and later that the child had pneumonia and meningitis. While at the Children's Hospital Schreib made a statement that she had dropped the baby during the diaper change incident, but was evasive about other details when asked. She was evasive about her relationship with Coons, and around questions relating to the issue of paternity.

After the law enforcement interview, Schreib told the Child Protective Services caseworker that she knew Xavier Dean to be the biological father of MMS, and said that Coons knew he was not the father. Also during this interview Schreib told CPS that no one else cares for the baby, but her, and her "fiancé" Donald Coons, who takes good care of the baby and would never hurt the baby. She claimed she did not know the baby had fractured ribs and reported the baby was healthy and had not shown prior signs of sickness. She reported the baby had fallen off the bed a few weeks prior and after five minutes of crying did not act like she was in pain. Schreib asked the CPS worker if the Doctors would be able

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to know if the baby received injuries from a fall off of the bed.

The CPS worker reported overhearing a phone conversation between Schreib and Coons when Schreib was in the quiet room at Children's Hospital, after her law enforcement interview. Schreib is heard telling Coons to be calm, to come to the hospital, and that he had done nothing wrong. She is also heard telling him not to talk to the detective and not to answer any question and to say that he was getting a lawyer. She then told him to promise, her that was what he was going to do (not talk) as talking would cause more problems. Schreib also told the CPS caseworker that she knew the baby was behind on her shots.

Coons would not return initial calls from law enforcement, and would not come to the hospital. He later came in for an interview where he denied ever dropping the baby and advised me that I needed to speak with her mother about what happened. He said Schreib had been the one who flipped the baby off the bed while changing a diaper, although his daughters stated he told them repeatedly he had been the one who had done this. When asked who was bandaging MMS's arm, Coons said he and Jerrica would do it together.

IRC, IJC, and IDC all reported the child was healthy and happy when she moved in eight weeks prior, and after an incident they describe as "the arm incident" which they explain as a few weeks ago (a few weeks prior to 12/23/15 interviews) the child's health declined and she became more and more fussy. After this, they said MMS was constantly crying and that MMS would scream out in pain when she was picked up or moved. The children reported the child was being medicated by Coons and Schreib with Tylenol; the two were also using an ace bandage to wrap and support MMS's arm, binding it to her torso to immobilize it. The girls believed the child's arm was broken and said they asked daily for them to take the child to the Doctor but Coons and Schreib declined to take her, telling them she was fine. The girls report hearing Schreib and Coons discussing concerns of the child's condition looking like child abuse if they took her to the Doctor.

During the two days spent in the motel, the children reported that the baby's condition degraded to her having difficulty breathing, not being able to move her head, and refusing food. When the baby was unresponsive on the morning of 12/18/15, Schreib and Coons are described as arguing over calling 911, the children report pointing out to them that they did not, the child could die.

In an interview Coons said he told Jerrica "We should probably take her to the Doctor" but they never did. He said both he and Jerrica were wrapping the baby's arm with a bandage, gauze, and brace, because he thought the baby had a torn muscle. They purchased it themselves he said. He described the baby as "Not really reacting" to the arm and not any more fussy than normal, in contrast to his daughters' statements that she was clearly in a lot of pain and they believed that the arm was broken because it hung abnormally and wasn't working properly. Coons explained that Jerrica told him the nurse hotline told her that MMS didn't need to go to the Doctor unless she looked like she was in pain. Coons described a bruise and lump on MMS's arm a "hard spot" mid arm.

The children describe how initially Jerrica was caring for the baby, but soon they cared for MMS a lot and even describe being tired of taking care of the baby. They said Donald Coons took care of MMS just like she was his own and was often the only one who could console the baby when she was upset. They said Jerrica rarely helped with her baby, and often would walk away from her frustrated by her crying, leaving Coons to deal with her or the girls. She was mostly reported to be sleeping in the "parents' bedroom" and unengaged with the care of her infant.

The children reported the child was often left alone in her car seat outside the parent's bedroom. Later, due to crying so much, and waking up their parents (Schreib and Coons) she was moved into IRC's empty bedroom, which only had a pile of clothes in it. IRC moved into her sisters' bedroom and the girls were told not to go into the room at all, nor pick up MMS because Coons did not want them moving her arm.

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The infant was often left unattended in the bedroom and in the living room area while doors were closed to mute her crying.

The Children's Hospital Child Abuse Team reported that there was no way the baby had been seen by any Doctor anywhere because they would have immediately called the police. They also stated reference her arm fracture, that the baby "Would be inconsolable every time you changed her, fed her, and dressed her. This baby was tortured; there is no way anyone didn't know what was going on with this baby". They also stated the laceration under her chin could not have originated as a milk rash.

During the interviews of Coons' girls, they describe their father recognizing MMS was declining and could no longer hear; he would point this out to them by clapping by her ear, demonstrating how she did not respond. He also pointed out MMS would wince in pain when he palpated her arm.

I hold probable cause for the arrest of Jerrica D. Schreib and Donald K. Coons for Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree. As the biological parent (Schreib) and adult (Coons) who assumed the responsibility to provide a dependent person the basic necessities of life, they recklessly caused great bodily harm to MMS by withholding medical care from her when she was in obvious medical distress and ultimately died from her injuries and/or illness.

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