

Newark Area Daycare Employee Charged With Assault Of 11 Month Old



Newark – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Newark area day care employee after an investigation revealed that she had assaulted an infant under her care.

The incident began on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017 at approximately 9:30 a.m. when Amber R. Worthy, 31 of New Castle was attending to an 11 month old female infant at the Happy Kids Academy located at 273 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE.

Approximately forty minutes after attending to the 11month old, Worthy submitted an incident report to the facility's

director advising her that while re-positioning the infant she heard a crack in her foot. The director then immediately contacted the Delaware Division of Family Services and reported the incident. After an initial review by the Division of Family Services the case was turned over to the Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit for further investigation.

This investigation revealed that while attempting to get the 11 month old to go to sleep Worthy repeatedly hit the infant victim on the back and buttocks and aggressively re-positioned her multiple times. Worthy also repeatedly shook the victims legs and at one point intentionally twisted her right leg.

Subsequent treatment at a Pennsylvania area hospital revealed that the victim had sustained a fractured right tibia.

On Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 Worthy turned herself in at Delaware State Police Troop 2 where she was subsequently arrested and charged with one count of Child Abuse 1st Degree. Worthy was then arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$20,000 unsecured bond.

If anyone has further information regarding this case or is aware of similar incidents regarding Amber Worthy, they are asked to contact Detective A. Lloyd at 302-365-8411. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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