

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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On May 14, 2016, at approximately 2:30 A.M. the Lemoore Police Department received a call from the Adventist Medical Center in Hanford. AMC reported that a 6 month old male child had been brought into their facility. After examining the infant it was determined the infant had sustained a fractured skull and fractured tibia. Medical staff believed the injuries appeared to be consistent with being non-accidental.

Officers responded to AMC and contacted the infant's mother, 27 year old of Lemoore. The female told officers that earlier in the evening she was with her common law husband, 19 year old Keith Jeff at the Palace, while a grandmother stayed in their residence watching their 6 month old infant son. While away from the residence, Keith Jeff became highly intoxicated. Once they returned home, Keith Jeff became confrontational with the female. The grandmother and other family members arrived to assist. At one point Keith Jeff walked into the residence while still intoxicated and removed the infant from its basinet. Keith Jeff then exited the residence and started to walk away holding the infant until the female could take the infant from him.

A short time later the mother noticed swelling to the right side of the infants face. The female then drove the infant to the emergency room at AMC.

Keith Jeff was contacted at his Lemoore residence where he was taken into custody for felony child abuse. Keith Jeff was subsequently booked into Kings County Jail with a \$50,000 bail.

The infant was flown to Valley Children's Hospital due to needing a higher level of care. The infant is currently in the intensive care unit, but in stable condition.

This case is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Sgt. Gonsalves at the Lemoore Police Department (559) 924-5333