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MEDIA ADVISORY: Juvenile Arrested For Felony Child Abuse Of 4 Month Old

Fresno County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 16 year old female on charges of attempted murder and felony child abuse this past Friday in Kerman. The arrest came after authorities at Children's Hospital Central California contacted the Sheriff's Office regarding a 4 month old girl with severe injuries.

On April 12th shortly after 11:00 pm, deputies responded to the hospital regarding a child abuse call.

The hospital had admitted the infant who was in serious but stable condition. The infant had been brought in by family members because of swelling to both arms. An examination of the infant found her to have several broken bones and possible head injuries.

The investigation led deputies to the infant's residence located in the 3000 block of S. Congress Ave. in Kerman where several family members were detained.

Deputies found the home to be in an extremely dirty condition. Animal feces, garbage, rotting food, and dirty clothing were found everywhere. There was electricity to the home, however it was provided by an electrical cord that was illegally spliced into circuit breaker box.

Detectives responded and family members were transported to the Sheriff's substation in San Joaquin. The investigation revealed that the 16 year old step sister of the victim was responsible for abusing the infant. She was later booked into the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Facility. Two other children, aged 1 and 4, were turned over to Child Protective Services.

The investigation is continuing