

What Happens When Child Abuse is Reported?

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Child abuse is a crime not often reported by the victim. In many cases, teachers, neighbors, and other friends of the family are the ones to report suspected child abuse. Once reported, the investigation process is thorough and exhausting.

According to WPTV News, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office arrested Amber Koebernik for aggravated child abuse with serious bodily injury on Thursday, March 10th.

Earlier in the week, deputies arrived at Raulerson Hospital, in reference to a Department of Children and Families investigation. Hospital personnel informed the authorities that the child had arrived with three fractured ribs, a bruised liver, and a punctured lung.

In an interview, Koebernik said the child felt warm, as if she had a fever, and was advised by her father to call 911 for an ambulance. The child was transported to St. Mary's Medical Center in Palm Beach County.

Koebernik claimed she had no idea the child was hurt. According to officials, the child's condition has improved.

Child Abuse Defense

Many different crimes fit under the umbrella of child abuse. For example, there is child neglect. Child neglect is leaving your child unprotected or unsupervised in a dangerous situation.

If you have been charged with child neglect, no matter the circumstances, you need a lawyer who knows what he or she is doing. Even if you left the house just for a few minutes, leaving your children unattended can backfire on you in so many serious ways. A [criminal defense lawyer](#) will listen to your story and try to get the prosecution to understand your situation. Contact a criminal defense lawyer, don't let child neglect charges ruin your and your child's life.

If you have ever been charged with child abuse of any kind, you are in for a long process. Florida law takes crimes against children extremely seriously and the only person who can help you keep your child is a [criminal defense lawyer](#).

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