

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
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STATION WAYNESBURG CRIME UNIT		CAD/CASE NO PA 2022-1342204
INVESTIGATING OFFICER RUCINSKI,M,12578 (711480)	DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT 09-01-2022 00:01 AM - 09-20-2022 11:00 PM	
NATURE OF INCIDENT ASLT SERIOUS BODILY INJURY		
LOCATION TOLLGATE RUN		
MUNICIPALITY(COUNTY) FRANKLIN TWP (GREENE)		

PERSON(S) INVOLVED (Age based off incident occurrence date):

ARRESTEE (includes runaway): John KRAFT, 50, M, WAYNESBURG, PA

VICTIM: 6, F, ELLWOOD CITY, PA

INCIDENT DETAILS:

On 10/19/22 Greene County CYS made PSP Waynesburg aware of suspected child abuse that was disclosed during a forensic interview of a known juvenile Victim. This victim disclosed information of an assault(s) that occurred in the September 2022 time frame.

The Victim related that the suspect had struck her with his hands, a belt, and his arm, which has a metal implant from a surgery. The Victim also recounted an incident where the Suspect had choked her to the point of unconsciousness and hit her head off of the floor and walls of the residence. The Victim related that the suspect would bury her in the yard as a form of punishment. The Victim related that she would be left in the yard until she told the truth and that she would come out of the ground dirty and smelling like sewage.

Other forensic interviews were conducted which corroborated the Victim's statements.

Images were provided that showed the Victim to have severe bruising on the face, arms, and buttocks.

Felony charges were filed and the suspect was taken into custody on 10/21/22.

This investigation is ongoing.

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