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CHILD ABUSE ARREST 7400 BLOCK EAST SPEEDWAY

On the early evening of December 10, 2011, medical staff from a local area hospital notified the Tucson Police Department of a situation involving possible child abuse. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the hospital to conduct an investigation. Due to the nature of the incident, detectives from the Dependent Child Unit also responded to assist with the investigation. Police personnel learned that a **7-week old, baby boy** had been taken to the hospital via ambulance after his **father, later identified as 26-year old David Hollenbeck**, called 911 to request emergency medical services for his son. Mr. Hollenbeck initially failed to tell medical personnel what he suspected was wrong with the child, advising them that his child only suffered from “congestion.” After a couple of hours, doctors discovered that the child had severe trauma, including extensive bleeding in his brain. Mr. Hollenbeck then told the medical staff that he had dropped the child while taking a shower with him. However, the injuries that the child had were of such severity that they were not consistent with the explanation that Mr. Hollenbeck gave. Essentially, medical staff concluded that the injuries were too extensive to corroborate the mechanism by which they occurred as told by Mr. Hollenbeck. The child is expected to survive his injuries, but is also expected to experience a **permanent neurological deficiency**. As a result of the investigation, on the afternoon of December 28, 2011, Mr. Hollenbeck was arrested for **1 count of Child Abuse, a Class 2 Felony**. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. His booking photograph is not yet available for release. An update with the photograph will be sent once it is available from the Pima County Jail database.

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