



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Special Investigations Bureau / Physical Abuse Unit

Date: 5/14/2025

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Type of Offense/Incident: Endangering Children

Date: 5/1/2025

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 1000 Block Ellsworth Avenue

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 250300088

Cruiser District: 122

Victim: Victim #1	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: Nathan Lee Bridges		Address:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M	Race: B
Charges: Endangering Children 2919.22 ORC (F-3)		Age: 22	
Suspect:		Address:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex:	Race:
Charges:		Age:	

Incident Summary: On May 1, 2025, at approximately 10:15 a.m., Columbus Police Patrol Officers (CPD) and Columbus Division of Fire Medics (CFD) were dispatched to the 1000 block of Ellsworth Avenue to check on the wellbeing of a young juvenile. Upon arrival, officers learned the juvenile victim was left at the residence the previous night by an individual only identified as "Nate." The responding officers observed the victim had visible significant external injuries and was transported to Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) for treatment.

After being examined at NCH it was determined the victim had sustained serious, potentially life-altering injuries, and was in critical condition.

Detectives from the Physical Child Abuse Unit (PAU) responded and initiated an investigation. With the assistance of the New Albany Police Department and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, PAU Detectives identified Mr. Nathan Lee Bridges as the primary suspect in this investigation.

On May 13, 2025, PAU Detectives filed a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Bridges. At approximately 4:00 p.m. Mr. Bridges was arrested by CPD S.W.A.T. Officers without incident. Mr. Bridges is currently incarcerated at the Franklin County Corrections Center.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective James Dembinski #1989 of the CPD PAU at 614-645-4032 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS(8477).

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