4-06/023.00 - Child Abuse

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CLASSIFICATION Crime or Incident	FORM NUMBER FILE NUMBER PRIORITY	ASSIGNMENT AND ACTION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICAL CODES
4-06/023.00 CHILD ABUSE			The victim's name and address shall not be disclosed of a victim of 273a or 273d PC.
			All courtesy reports for other agencies are assigned to the station/unit detective and forwarded to the appropriate agency.
			Child abuse cases shall not be deferred.
			Protective Custody
			The Arrested Person's Child(ren) and Protective Custody form (SH-R-625) shall be completed when children are taken into protective custody. A booking number shall not be obtained for a child taken into protective custody. Use "SJ/V" in the appropriate section on the face sheet of the report for a child taken into protective custody only.
Abandonment	SH-R-49 URN 17	Station/Unit Detective A	Code 171 - Abandonment.
Annoying, child	SH-R-49 URN 13	Station/Unit Detective	If perpetrator is not a family member, SRD to Special Victims Bureau.
		SVB	If family member, SRD to station/unit detective.
		A	Code 134 - Annoying Children.
Child abduction			See Child Stealing below and Kidnapping.

Child Abuse, physical	SH-R-49 URN 14	SVB Child Abuse Detail	On all physical abuse cases, i.e., 273a(a), 273a(b), and 273d P.C., the following shall apply: • Immediately notify by telephone SVB (record message after duty hours); • Provide file number and referral information; • Actual physical examination of a physically abused juvenile is mandatory. A deputy of either sex may examine a juvenile who is three years of age or younger. When the juvenile is four years or older, the examination shall be performed by a deputy of the juvenile's sex or by medical personnel; • Deputies should consider having a witness present when examining children for injuries; • All children residing in the home shall be examined. • Email a copy of the first report to Special Victims Bureau SVB investigators and supervisors are available during off hours via Department Operations Center (DOC) for consultation and response on exceptional and/or newsworthy cases. If a victim is in critical condition, also notify Homicide Bureau. If death occurs, reassign to Homicide Bureau. Code 059 - Child Beating, Felony. Code 149 - Child Beating, Misdemeanor.
Child Abuse (Suspicious Circs.)	SH-R-49 URN 41	SVB	Same procedure as Child Abuse, above. Use only when elements to a crime cannot be established. If the elements of a crime are present or the victims report a crime, suspicious circumstances shall not be used. Code 418 - Suspicious Circumstances

Child Concealment	SH-R-49 URN 39	Station Detective A	Notify station/unit detectives at once. Code 399 - Child Concealment. Also see under Kidnapping.
Child Endangering/Child Assault	SH-R-49 URN 059/149	Station/Unit Detective A	273a(a) Felony 273a(b) Misdemeanor Specify the acts that caused the child to be willfully endangered. Copy to Special Victims Bureau. Code 059 - Child Assault with aggravated injury. Code 149 - Child Assault with non-aggravated injury.
Child Neglect	SH-R-49 URN 17	Station/Unit Detective A	Copy to Special Victims Bureau. Code 172 - Child Neglect.
Child Stealing	SH-R-49 URN 32	Station/Unit Detective A	Notify station/unit detectives at once. Code 327 - Child Stealing. Also see under Kidnapping.
Intimidation, Child	SH-R-49 URN 14	SVB A	Same procedure as Child Abuse. Code 149 - Child Assault

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Sex Offenses	SH-R-49 URN	SVB	In all sex crimes, i.e., 243.4, 261, 261.5, 264.1, 285, 286, 287 (or 288a), 288, 288.2, 288.3, 288.4, 288.5,
	12 or 13	A	289, 266, 207(b), 220, 311.2, 311.3, 311.11, and 647.6 PC (family member or cohabitant) where the victim is under 18 years of age, the following shall apply:
			 Immediately notify the Special Victims Bureau (record message after duty hours). Investigators and supervisors are available during off hours via Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau for consultation and response on exceptional and/or newsworthy cases; and Email a copy of the first report to Special Victims Bureau.
			In 647.6 PC cases wherein the suspect is not a family member or cohabitant, the assignment shall be station/unit detectives. Copy of report emailed to Special Victims Bureau.
			In those cases involving electronic media, every attempt shall be made to legally confiscate any and all electronic devices/hardware (cellular phones, laptops, digital cameras, thumb drives, computer towers, notebooks, readers, etc.) and placed into evidence.
			Code as applicable.

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