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FATHER ARRESTED AFTER INFANT TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL CONDITION

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 2010 L.V.M.P.D. Patrol Officers responded to the 3900 block of South Decatur to investigate a report of an unresponsive 3 month old male infant at that location.

Arriving officers learned the victim had been transported by responding medical personnel to a local hospital in critical condition prior to their arrival.

Metro's Abuse and Neglect Detail began an immediate investigation into this incident. This investigation revealed the victim sustained injuries consistent with blunt force abdominal trauma, as well as multiple injuries consistent with human bites. The infant remains hospitalized in critical condition.

Late this afternoon detectives arrested the biological father and primary care giver of the infant in connection with this crime. The suspect, who has been identified as Andrew Mendoza, 21 years of age of Las Vegas, was booked into the Clark County Detention Center charged with:

- Child Abuse with Substantial Bodily Harm, one count,
- Child Abuse, eight counts,
- Child Neglect, one count and
- Child Endangerment, one count

The investigation into this incident remains on-going.

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