



# SHASTA COUNTY **SHERIFF**

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**SHERIFF - CORONER**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Suspect Arrested for Felony Child Abuse**

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, Gage Dubuc, age 24 of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, was arrested by the Myrtle Creek Police Department following an extensive investigation conducted by the Shasta County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit. The investigation stemmed from a report of suspected child abuse involving a six-week-old infant.

On December 26, 2024, the Major Crimes Unit was contacted regarding an infant who had been transported to Mercy Medical Center in Redding for difficulty breathing. Medical personnel discovered the child had sustained multiple serious injuries, including fractured ribs, a fractured tibia, and intracranial bleeding. Due to the severity of the injuries and concern for potential child abuse, the infant was transferred to UC Davis Medical Center for advanced care.

Doctors at UC Davis confirmed the presence of new brain bleeds compared to a prior MRI, as well as multiple rib fractures in various stages of healing. Both of the infant's tibias were fractured in a manner consistent with forceful twisting. Medical experts concluded the combination of injuries was consistent with ongoing, non-accidental trauma, and highly concerning for child abuse.

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that Dubuc was the infant's biological father and one of the infant's primary caregivers.

Based on the totality of the evidence, including medical findings and witness statements, the Major Crimes Unit submitted the case to the Shasta County District Attorney's Office requesting charges against Dubuc. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, a felony warrant was issued for 273a(a) PC Child Abuse with Great Bodily Injury.

Dubuc was taken into custody in Oregon with assistance from the Myrtle Creek Police Department where he is being held at the Douglas County Jail. The Shasta County Sheriff's Office has initiated the extradition process to transfer Dubuc to the Shasta County Jail. His bail is set at \$100,000.

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