

## Brown County Sheriff's Office

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On September 19, 2019 the Brown County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Brown County Child Protective Services and advised of a possible child abuse incident. CPS advised that they had the child taken to the hospital for a medical evaluation. Detective Carlson met with the CPS case worker and the decision was made to do an emergency removal from the custody of the foster mother, Margaret Breeze.

The investigation between the Brown County Sheriff's Office and Brown County Child Protective Services determined that the 11 year old female had suffered years of abuse and starvation. The 11 year old female was determined to be severely protein deficient, severely under normal height and weight standards. The child was temporarily placed in foster care at another location and is receiving appropriate care.

Margaret Breeze has been arrested on charges of felony child endangerment, felonious assault, and kidnapping. She is currently being held at the Brown County Adult Center on a \$250,000 bond. Additional charges are pending.

The Brown County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Brown County Child Protective Services, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and the foster family currently caring for the victim for their assistance.