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Offense Description: Battery
Primary Person Involved: Nowlin, Michelle

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Case Number: 98 7296

On 09 09 98 I was advised there was an investigation ongoing where Michelle Nowlin had been battered by Her Mother Misook Nowlin. I was advised by ASA Teena Griffin and DCFS caseworker Bethany Wenger. I was advised by Bethany that the reporter was Aissa Frazier, Principal of Heyworth. I was advised that Michelle had numerous bruises on Her legs and pelvic area. I was also advised that Michelle reported that Her mother had put her hand over her mouth and pinched off her nose and told her that She was going to kill her. Misook had allegedly used a wooden bar that was used for a paper towel holder to strike Michelle with. An appointment was made with Michelle's father, Andy to talk with Bethany Wenger and Myself at DCFS on Thursday Sept 10th.

On the 10th we did meet with Andy Nowlin. He advised that His wife Dawn had also noticed the bruise on Michelle's leg and that they were waiting to see what had happened. Andy's sister, Jeanne Frink, 609 Arrowhead Heyworth, Ph:473-3650 had also seen the bruises and took photo's of them. On 09-15-98 I did retrieve these photo's from Dawn Nowlin. I did place them into evidence. Andy states when He talked to Michelle about what had happened about how she was struck and putting the hand over her mouth Michelle had said that Her Mom had struck her with a wood stick several times. Andy states that Michelle was recanting Her story about he hand over the mouth story that She didn't feel that Her mother was trying to kill her. Andy went on to say that there was a misunderstanding about the bed. Misook had to do community service and She worked at the Salvation Army for the service. It was believed that Christina's bed went to the Salvation Army. Misook did buy a bed from there but it wasn't the one Christina died in. Christina is Misooks former boyfriends daughter who was murdered (See 98-4610) Andy had been to the States Attorney's office to apply for an order of protection and He did provide Bethany with a copy of that application. We set an appointment for Andy to bring Michelle to the Child Advocacy Center on Tues. the 15th of September. He said that He would comply. This date was set as it was the first day Andy would be able to get from work to bring Michelle.

Bethany advised me that She needed to speak with Misook to inform her about the investigation. I did get a hold of Misook and set up an appointment for Friday the 11th. Misook did show up at DCFS. This was non custodial and Misook was free to leave at any time. Bethany advised her of the investigation and they agreed to a safety agreement which Misook did sign. Bethany Wenger then asked what happened. Misook stated that She had Michelle for the weekend. She, Michelle and a friend, Don Wang, and His parents had gone out to Tachibanna restaurant. Misook say's that Michelle's behavior was bad and She was making sexual remarks that were not appropriate. When they got home don Wang had come to visit and Michelle was still acting up. Wang left and Misook said She was very angry and embarrassed. She got the stick from the paper towel holder and say's that She struck Michelle with it 2 times. She was very upset saying that She was sorry and that She knew that She was wrong. I told Her that I would be contacting Her after we spoke to Michelle to talk with her again.

We did speak with Michelle at the CPN. She relayed the same story about Don Wang and going to Tachibanna. She states that She was tired and She was acting up. When they got home Don left and Misook was very angry. She told Michelle to get the stick off the paper towel's, Michelle couldn't reach it so Misook got it. She states that Her Mom then struck her with the stick between 5 and 10 times, closer to 5 than 10. When asked about the hand over the mouth Michelle said that She was screaming very loudly and Her mom put her hand over her mouth and told her that She was going to kill her. She say's that Misook did not pinch off her nose so she couldn't breath. I then asked Her about the bed and she advised that She did not have the bed that Her Mom had told Her that maybe Christina's bed was at the Salvation Army. This interview was recorded by CPN personnel and will be submitted later.

I then conferred with ASA Wong who was present and it was agreed that Misook would have to be arrested for the battery.

I called Misook of 09 16 98 and had her come to the station. She did arrive and I read Her her Miranda as I was going to get a typed statement. I did advised her when I called it was very likely She would be arrested and to bring 100.00 for bond. After the meeting at DCFS She advised me that She had went and seen an Attorney, Keith Davis to advise her on this matter and the McNiel murder. Davis advised Her not to speak to me about this matter. Misook told me that She would speak to me however I told Her that since She was represented and the e attorney had advised talking about this matter that we would not talk about it. She was then arrested for the Battery and taken to the county jail where She was processed and then bonded out.

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