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### **FATHER CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER IN BEATING OF TWO-MONTH-OLD SON**



**DANIEL ROHLOFF**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (July 29, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Upper Merion Township Police Chief Thomas Nolan announce the arrest of Daniel Rohloff, 33, of the 300 block of Jefferson Street in Bridgeport, on charges of Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and related charges in the severe beating of his 2-month-old son Landon Rohloff.

On Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at approximately 3 p.m., Upper Merion Township Police and Montgomery County Detectives responded to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) for a report of a 2-month-old boy who was suffering from "inflicted" injuries. Upon examination, doctors found that the baby had injuries to multiple organ systems including rib fractures, both new and healing, bilateral subdural hemorrhages, bruising and lacerations to his liver, and bruising on multiple areas of his body. The baby was brought in that morning by his parents at approximately 6:30 a.m.

Upper Merion Police and Montgomery County Detectives launched a joint investigation into the apparent assault of Landon Rohloff. Detectives spoke with the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth caseworker for Landon and found that OCY had

become involved with the family since the child's birth in May when Rohloff was exhibiting strange behavior while the mother was giving birth. OCY made multiple attempts to limit Rohloff's ability to have unsupervised contact with the baby.

During the investigation, detectives learned there were numerous surveillance cameras inside the residence, where the assault occurred. They served a search warrant to recover the video surveillance. Detectives examined the video from various rooms of the house from Monday evening through Tuesday morning. Video from the bedroom shows that at 7:22 p.m. Monday evening, Rohloff enters the room carrying Landon, who was quiet and content. Rohloff can be seen covering the camera with a towel, and the baby then begins to intensely scream. Landon can be heard alternating between periods of crying and silence before Rohloff uncovers the camera and departs the room holding Landon.

Detectives found that at 10:17 p.m., Rohloff again enters the bedroom carrying a contented baby. Rohloff closes the bedroom door and again covers the camera. Within 11 seconds of the camera being covered, the baby begins intensely crying, which last for eight seconds, then the baby is silent. Six seconds later, Landon begins to intensely cry again until Rohloff exits the room and goes downstairs carrying the baby. The baby is making a loud screeching, unusual sounding cry.

The investigation found that a heated argument then began between the baby's mother and Rohloff, which included the sounds of breaking objects. The mother yells at Rohloff to give her the baby, tells him to leave then threatens to call the police, but then she left the residence without the baby from approximately 10:40 p.m. until she received a text from Rohloff around midnight saying the baby was having seizures. She arrived home to find the baby swaddled and sleeping. Early Tuesday morning, the mother awoke to Rohloff yelling through the home security system that the baby was having another seizure. They then drove the child to CHOP.

"Baby Landon was cruelly and severely injured at the hands of this defendant, who as his father had a duty to protect him," said Steele. "We will seek to hold him responsible for his actions."

Rohloff was charged with Attempted Murder, multiple counts of Aggravated Assault, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Reckless Endangerment. He was arraigned Wednesday night, July 28, 2021, before Magisterial District Judge Maureen Coggins. Bail was set at \$1 million cash, and the defendant was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 10 a.m., Aug. 9, 2021 in front of Magisterial District Judge William Maruszczak.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant Chief of Trials Brianna Ringwood.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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