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## Witnesses from JFS, hospital to testify in abuse case

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LANCASTER -Employees from Children's Hospital and Fairfield County Job & Family Services will testify today at the sentencing of a man accused of beating his 13-month-old daughter.

Those employees witnessed the state of young Angel Carpenter, who was in critical condition in the hospital in July.

Her parents, Charles Pyles and Rebecca Carpenter, took her to Fairfield Medical Center on July 1, 2008. That's when a social worker reported to Lancaster Police that the injuries Angel suffered appeared to be from child abuse.

Pyles, 33, will be sentenced Monday in the courtroom of Fairfield County Common Pleas Judge Chris Martin. Pyles pleaded guilty March 1 to one count of child endangering, a third-degree felony. He originally was charged with felonious assault, a second-degree felony, child endangering, a second-degree felony, and another child endangering count, a third-degree felony.

Pyles now faces as much as five years in prison. He's been in the Fairfield County Jail on a \$500,000 bond since his arrest.

Police arrived at Children's Hospital in Columbus at 1:17 a.m. July 2 and arrested the couple. Angel had fractures and breaks to both her arms at that time.

Rebecca Carpenter was released from the Fairfield County Jail on a \$25,000 bond Aug. 20, according to jail officials.

Her jury trial scheduled for the beginning of February was continued, and another date has not been scheduled.

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