



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Detectives Search for Information Concerning Former DHS Foster Parents

Case#50-160470456

June 23, 2016— A Washington County Grand Jury indicted two former Department of Human Services DHS foster parents on several felony charges. Washington County Sheriff's Office Detectives are seeking additional information regarding any unreported crimes involving the parents.

Dawnyle Durham/White/Kaestner is currently lodged in the Washington County Jail. She is charged with four counts of Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree, two counts of Delivery of a Scheduled II Controlled Substance to a Minor, Possession of Methamphetamine, two counts of Causing a Minor to Ingest a Controlled Substance and two counts of Applying a Scheduled II Controlled Substance to a Minor. She is held on \$150,000 bail.



**Dawnyle Durham/White/
Kaestner**

Darren Durham is currently lodged in the Washington County Jail. He is charged with one count of Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree, two counts of Delivery of a Scheduled II Controlled Substance to a Minor, two counts of Applying a Schedule II Controlled Substance to a Minor, and two counts of Causing Another Person to Ingest a Controlled Substance. He is held on \$110,000 bail.



Darren Durham

The Durhams were DHS certified foster care providers from 2001-2013. During that time, they had more than 50 children in their care. They adopted four of the foster children prior to their certification being revoked by DHS in 2013.

A Washington County Grand Jury indicted the Durhams on June 3, 2016. They were both were arrested six days later. All four children were taken into protective custody.

Detectives ask that if anyone thinks they know of a possible child abuse situation to please call the Sheriff's Office or their local law enforcement to report it.

Washington County Child Abuse Detectives are interested in any additional information regarding unreported crimes committed by the Durhams. Detectives are seeking the public's help regarding this case. If you have any information, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 846-2500.