

EXCLUSIVE: Former Shorewood Schools Child Care Administrator Charged In Case Of Horrible Neglect Of Infant

Criminal charges are pending against a St. Francis couple in connection with horrible injuries sustained by a 14-day old infant last summer. The mother of the child, who is facing child neglect charges in the case, is a longtime former administrator of the “Milestones” program in the Shorewood Public School District. This is the program that provides, among other things, day care services for young children. The criminal complaint accuses the woman, 37-year old Jennifer Groen, in connection with a lengthy series of injuries sustained by her 14-day old infant which were reported to authorities by doctors at Children’s Hospital. Groen and the child’s father, 32-year old Tyler Lamb, are both charged with child neglect resulting in injury. The criminal complaint states that Lamb and Groen gave inconsistent and conflicting explanations for how the baby sustained the injuries. Neither is actually charged with inflicting the injuries. Both are charged with neglect. The case is scheduled for trial next month.

Groen, who is in the process of divorcing her husband (who is not connected to this case and is not the father of the injured baby), also goes by her maiden name Jennifer Dunning. She worked from 2007 to 2016 for Shorewood Schools as a manager of the Milestones program. Her LinkedIn profile states she currently works at the corporate offices of Kohl’s. Shorewood school officials have not responded to my inquiries about Groen’s time with the school district, including why she left. Groen’s profile states she has two degrees in child care and child development including a master’s degree. She is free on a signature bond. A story below from Fox 6 details the criminal charges and the nature of the injuries to the infant. (Caution: It is graphic).

<https://fox6now.com/2019/01/24/headed-to-trial-st-francis-couple-accused-of-neglect-abuse-of-newborn-boy/>

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