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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Mom Charged in Stabbing

Sheboygan County District Attorney Joe DeCecco today announced the filing of a criminal misdemeanor complaint against a woman who allegedly stabbed her 17 year old nephew with a steak knife after learning he had sexually assaulted her eight year old daughter.

, DOB 7/14/80, was charged today with one count of misdemeanor battery while armed which carries a possible maximum sentence of a \$10,000 fine and 15 months in jail. DeCecco stated that while the act itself did qualify as a felony battery while armed or felony reckless endangerment while armed, he decided on the misdemeanor compromise after reviewing all the reports and witness statements.

“On the one hand,” DeCecco stated, “you have an obviously distraught mother reacting to the news that her daughter was sexually assaulted. On the other, you have the fact that the nephew was stabbed after the child was safe, after he had been beaten by the mother’s friend who discovered the act and after the mother had called police and had taken the knife away from her friend. This appears to be retaliation or revenge and is simply unacceptable under the law.”

DeCecco stated that he is not seeking jail time for the mother, but that a misdemeanor conviction is appropriate.

The mother’s friend, Simon , DOB 5/27/77, who discovered the child and nephew together and who briefly beat the nephew, was not arrested and will not be charged, according to DeCecco.

“Mr. interrupted the alleged assault on the child and is entitled to the ‘defense of others’ exception under Wisconsin law. The beating of the nephew was brief, occurred immediately upon Mr. discovery and did not result in any substantial injury to the nephew, although I’m certain it hurt a lot,” DeCecco explained. The nephew is currently under arrest in the Sheboygan County Detention Center awaiting charging by the District Attorney’s Office.

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