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Press Release

Child care employee arrested on suspicion of battery of a child

Rothell arrested Thursday after alleged incident at Wood Child Care Center

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (September 25, 2015) — An employee of a local child care facility was arrested Thursday by the Arkansas City Police Department for alleged battery of a child under her care.

Kayla Danielle Rothell, 20, was arrested on suspicion of battery. She was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in lieu of \$750 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Rothell since has posted bond and been released.

Officers were sent about 2:45 p.m. to Wood Child Care Center, 1513 N. Eighth St., for an eyewitness report of a center employee grabbing a 2-year-old child's arm, picking the child up off the ground by the arm and swinging the child about 3 1/2 feet.

The employee then allegedly pulled the child to another child and yelled at the first child in front of the other children who were attending the child care center.

Two other employees and the eyewitness were questioned as part of the investigation, prior to Rothell's arrest. Copies of the police report will be forwarded to the Cowley County Attorney's Office, as well as to the Kansas Department for Children and Families, for further investigation of the incident.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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