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Media Advisory **Attempted Murder, Child Abuse Arrest**

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) arrested 20-year-old Thomas Harper on charges four counts of aggravated battery, child abuse and attempted first-degree murder.

At approximately 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Officers responded to a possible child abuse call at Wesley Hospital, 550 N. Hillside. Upon arrival, Officers contacted a 20-year-old mother and a two-month-old boy. The boy had serious injuries to his face and leg.

The mother reported that she left the boy in the care of his father, Harper. The boy was asleep when the mother left and upon her returning the boy had sustained multiple injuries. WPD Officers located Harper at his home, and he was taken into custody without incident.

The investigation is ongoing, and the case will be presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office.

The case number is 18C064699.

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