

Springwater Man Charged with Breaking Infant's Skull, Ribs

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A Springwater man was arrested by Livingston County Sheriff's deputies for assaulting an infant to the point where he broke the child's ribs and skull in multiple places.

Matthew K. Sackett, 22, was arrested Feb. 15 on charges of first-degree assault, a B felony, and reckless assault of a child, a D felony.

Sackett's alleged victim, who is 22 weeks old, is at Strong Hospital.

After his arrest, Sackett was turned over to deputies at the Livingston County Jail for processing and pre-arraignment detention.

He was arraigned later in the day Feb. 15 in Springwater Town Court before Justice Donald Haywood, who remanded Sackett to the custody of the Sheriff on \$75,000 cash bail or \$150,000 bond, the same amount recommended by the Livingston County District Attorney's Office.

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Child Protective Services caseworkers with the Livingston County Department of Social Services assisted with the investigation and continue to remain active in this case.

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Sackett has a lengthy criminal history, though his previous charges are not as serious as his most recent assault charges.

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In January of 2015, he was charged by Sheriff's deputies with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, among many other vehicle and traffic law violations.

Sackett remains incarcerated at the Livingston County Jail.