

Coeur d'Alene Police Department

On January 31, 2016, the Police Department was contacted by the mother of an 8 year-old female who reported her child is the victim of lewd conduct by a 16 year-old male. She stated her daughter attends a private daycare located at 3707 N. Belmont in Coeur d'Alene and has been victimized on at least two occasions.

The owner and operator of the daycare, a 42 year-old female, was allegedly made aware of the first lewd and lascivious crime, which occurred in August of 2015, and failed to report this crime as required by Idaho statute. Subsequent to this first incident, additional sex crimes were committed at this residence involving the same juvenile male suspect. The latest incident occurred on January 30, 2016. Therefore, the Police Department is investigating the owner of the daycare business for failure to protect minor children in her care (written as "Injury to Children" in Idaho code).

The primary suspect of the Lewd and Lascivious Conduct allegation has been arrested. His name will not be released as he is a minor. Detectives are currently trying to determine if there are other victims in this case.

Based on these allegations, Police Chief Lee White requested revocation of the daycare license from this business owner until further notice, consistent with city code 5.68.100. Anyone with additional information on this crime or other incidents involving this business is encouraged to contact the Police Department detective division at 769-2291. This investigation is on-going and additional information will be released as the investigation progresses.

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