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On September 19, 2013 at approximately 9:43 PM deputies responded to Citrus Memorial Hospital in reference to possible child abuse. The medical staff determined that the child had sustained fractures to both the left and right femur. The doctor stated that the child had healing injuries and some bruising that may indicate previous abuse.

The parents were interviewed at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, criminal investigations department. The mother of the child, Noemi Diaz stated that she could not recall an incident where the child may have been injured. Noemi disclosed that the father of the child, Terrance Walker has multiple personalities. She further stated that Walker's personality "Shadow" told her several weeks ago that he was annoyed and wanted to harm the baby, due to the baby interfering with their sex life. Noemi spoke with "Shadow" about her concerns and made him promise not to hurt the baby. Noemi stated that she wished to give up her parental rights of the infant due to her being unable to care for the child.

The detective then spoke with the father of the child, Terrance Walker. Terrance initially denied any knowledge of how the baby's injuries may have occurred. Terrance disclosed to the detective that he has multiple personalities that he cannot control. He stated one of his personalities "Shadow" may have caused the baby's injuries. The detective asked if he could speak to "Shadow" and Terrance 'transitioned' into this personality. "Shadow" admitted that he intentionally committed the act that caused the injury to the baby. "Shadow" stated that he came out due to his frustration of being held inside and the baby's screeching prompted his reaction.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office detective then placed both Terrance Charles Walker and Noemi Diaz under arrest. Terrance Walker was charged with Aggravated Child Abuse and Noemi Diaz was charged with Child Neglect. Due to the both charges being domestic in nature no bond was given.

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