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MT. MORRIS TOWNSHIP MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE

FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged a Mt. Morris Township man with child abuse related to injuries he caused to his girlfriend's six-month old baby.

Bradley Merrel Cottier, 26 (d.o.b. 6-25-1985), was charged this afternoon with first degree child abuse, a 15-year felony, for beating his girlfriend's daughter at their Mt. Morris Township residence and causing numerous bruises and fractures to the baby.

"We have seen an epidemic of child abuse cases here in Genesee County, mostly involving individuals ill-equipped with the ability to take on parental responsibilities," said Prosecutor Leyton.

While Cottier is not the father of the child in this case, they all lived together and he was often left to attend to the baby while his girlfriend was away. According to the police investigation, Cottier would often take out anger he had toward his girlfriend being gone by hitting and shaking the baby.

Cottier is to be arraigned in 67th District Court where a pre-trial and preliminary examination will be held.

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