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## Glendale Police Arrest Father of 6yo Girl

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, just before 2:00 PM, Glendale Police received a 911 emergency call regarding a 6yo girl that was shot in a residence near 7000 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. First responders arrived to find the child with a life-threatening gunshot wound and immediately began life saving care. The child was air lifted to a local valley hospital where she underwent emergency surgery. Initial reports were that the father of the victim, identified as Eldon Mcinville (26yo), was cleaning a shotgun and upon walking to the part of the house to place the shotgun away, accidentally tripped causing the shotgun to fall and discharge. The child was reportedly walking near her father resulting in the projectile striking her. At the time of the incident, the victim, father and grandmother were reported as the only ones in the home.

Detectives responded to the scene and performed their investigation into the events surrounding the incident. The results of the investigation and interviews revealed that the father was recklessly manipulating and handling the firearm just before he reportedly fell causing the shotgun to discharge and strike the little girl. Detectives determined that there was probable cause to believe that father, Eldon Mcinville, did act in a reckless and dangerous manner in close proximity to the victim and placed him under Thursday evening. Mcinville was arrested and booked on the charges of Child Abuse, causing serious physical injury, and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

The victim remains in the hospital, in critical condition, and will undergo multiple surgeries in the following days/months to further treat the injuries sustained.

The Glendale Police wants the community to know that guns are always to be treated as loaded and should never be handled by anyone that is not familiar with the safe and proper handling of a firearm. All firearms should be safely carried and manipulated in an environment clear from others and stored in a secure manner that is out of reach of children. When carrying a firearm that is not holstered, fingers are to remain along the frame and away from the trigger with the firearm pointed in a safe direction such as straight down.



Father (arrested): Eldon Mcinville (26yo, 2015 booking photo)

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