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Child Abuse Investigation Arrest

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives have arrested and charged a suspect in connection with an aggravated child abuse investigation. The incident was reported on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

The victim is a 3 year old B/M.

The suspect has been identified as:

Antonio Cook, B/M, 42, of Birmingham, Alabama. An **Aggravated Child Abuse** warrant has been obtained against the suspect.

Investigators found that the suspect whipped the victim with a belt then placed him in a bathtub of scalding hot water. The victim received blistering and bruising as a result of the assault.

The suspect is the boyfriend of the victim's mother (**not the father**). The suspect is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail.

A mugshot of Antonio Cook is attached.

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