

(3) The age or ages of the child or children;

(4) The nature and extent of the injuries or injury of the child or children in question, including any evidence or information available to the person or agency rendering the report of previous injury or injuries possibly resulting from [malicious mistreatment or beating] ABUSE;

(5) All such information available to the reporter which would be of aid in establishing the cause of the injuries OR INJURY and identity of the person or persons responsible therefor.

(E) ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A HEALTH PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR OR SOCIAL WORKER, OR LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE A CHILD IS ABUSED SHALL SO REPORT TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES [IF SUCH AGENCY PROVIDES ROUND-THE-CLOCK PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, OTHERWISE THE ORAL REPORT SHALL BE MADE] OR TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THE AGENCY TO WHICH THE REPORT IS MADE SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE OTHER AGENCY. NOTHING, HOWEVER, SHALL PROHIBIT THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FROM JOINTLY AGREEING TO COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. A report made by [anyone other than a health practitioner, education or social service worker, or law-enforcement officer] SUCH PERSON may be either written or oral, or both, and such [reports] REPORT shall be regarded as a report within the provisions of this section, whether or not the report contains all of the required information provided for in [this] subsection (D). [Such reports by private persons or agencies other than the local department of social services shall be promptly referred by the receiving agency to the local department of social services. The local department of social services shall promptly interview the private party who has made a report of possible violations of the provisions of this section, to determine if there is probable cause to believe that the child (or children) in question has in fact sustained physical injury as a result of abuse, as by malicious beating, striking, or other such cruel or inhumane treatment. If the local department of social services determines that there is probable cause to so believe that a violation of this section has been committed, then the local department of social services shall proceed with the investigation required under subsection (e) hereof.]

[(e)] (F) The local department of social services OR THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS THE CASE MAY BE, OR BOTH, IF JOINTLY AGREED UPON, shall make a thorough investigation promptly upon receiving a report of probable violation of this section, and the primary purpose of the investigation shall be the protection of the welfare of the child or children. The investigation shall include a determination of the nature, extent and cause or causes of the [injuries] ABUSE, IF ANY; UPON VALIDATION OF THE SUSPECTED ABUSE, THE INVESTIGATION SHALL THEN ASCERTAIN the identity of the person or persons responsible therefor, the name, age and condition of other children in the same household, an evaluation of the parents and the home environment, and all other facts or matters found to be pertinent. The local department of social services, AND THE APPROPRIATE LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IF THAT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN THE INVESTIGATION, shall render a complete written report of its findings to the local State's attorney within five (5) working days of the completion of the investigation, which shall be within ten (10) days of the receipt of the oral or written report first disclosing to the local department of social services the existence of a possible violation of this section. Upon request by the local