

Police Say Child Was Tortured

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(AP) Charges are pending against a Madison man and wife arrested for allegedly torturing and starving the man's 15-year-old daughter. The teen was only 70 pounds and told police she was forced to live in the basement since about 2006. According to a police affidavit, she said she was forced to drink her urine and eat her feces. She ate what she could find on the floor, in the laundry or in the garbage. She also said her father and stepmother physically abused her. A doctor told police the malnutrition the girl suffered "poses a significant risk of death." Madison police spokesman Joel DeSpain says a passerby notified police after seeing the girl wearing only pajamas and walking barefoot near her home Feb. 6.

