



PRESS RELEASE

Case #14-511482

Mother Endangers Children and Deputies during Arrest

July 26, 2014-Sheriff's Deputies were preparing to stop a vehicle with a wanted fugitive. The vehicle drove into a driveway and when deputies contacted the driver, she rammed a patrol vehicle and fought with deputies in an attempt to avoid arrest. She had her two children in the vehicle at the time.



On July 26, 2014, at 12:13 a.m., a Washington County Sheriff's Deputy saw a 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada SUV driven by Molly Noonan, westbound on Highway 26 in the Helvetia area. The Deputy knew that Ms. Noonan had active felony theft warrants for her arrest. The deputy could not stop Ms. Noonan because he was already transporting someone to jail so he notified nearby deputies of the situation.

Another deputy was able to locate the Bravada in the city of North Plains and was assisted by additional Sheriff's Deputies when the Bravada abruptly stopped in a driveway. The Sheriff's Deputies contacted the driver, identified as Molly Noonan, 46, from the community of Rock Creek. She had her 15 year-old daughter and nine year-old son in the vehicle with her. Molly Noonan gave the deputies a false name and identification.

Sheriff's Deputies knew who Ms. Noonan was from previous arrests. When the deputies told Ms. Noonan that she was under arrest, she started her vehicle and rapidly accelerated in reverse. She struck a 2007 Acura MDX in the driveway and pushed it backwards into a Sheriff's Chevy Tahoe causing significant damage to all three vehicles.

Four Sheriff's Deputies had to move quickly to avoid being struck by the moving vehicles. One deputy was pinned between the Bravada and the Acura as Ms. Noonan's daughter exited the Bravada and began to assault the deputy. The teenager was quickly subdued and arrested by deputies. Molly Noonan was resisting arrest by two other deputies after they had to break the driver's window to open the door and take her into custody to stop her reckless behavior.

Fortunately, the deputy only received minor injuries and the children were not injured by Ms. Noonan's actions. Molly Noonan did receive minor injuries and was cleared by hospital personnel before she was transported to jail. Molly Noonan's daughter was taken to the Donald E. Long Detention facility where she was lodged with criminal charges pending. Molly Noonan's son was placed into protective custody.

Molly Renee Noonan was lodged in the Washington County Jail. She is charged with 26 crimes to include: five counts of Felony Attempted First Degree Assault, five counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon (the SUV), Escape, Resisting Arrest, two counts of Reckless Endangering (her children), Identity Theft, Forgery and False Information to a Police Officer. She was also lodged on the Felony First and Second Degree Theft, Forgery and Identity Theft warrants. She is held on \$415,000 bail.

Arraignment will be at 3:00 p.m. on July 28, 2014 at the Law Enforcement Center in Hillsboro.