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Media Release

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Re: Woman Arrested for Posing as Social Worker

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Due to an investigation being conducted by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), it was necessary to remove a child from the familial home and place the child in a foster home.

The day after the child was placed in the foster home, a female who identified herself as "Lisa Grass," paid a visit to the foster home. Ms. Grass identified herself as a social worker. She said she was there to take the child and reunite the child with a parent. The person at the foster home did not believe the story, told her to leave and that they were calling law enforcement. Grass fled the area.

Deputies later determined that "Linda Grass" left voice mail messages on the cell phone of the juvenile in question. Grass made contact with the child in the driveway of the foster home, in an attempt to persuade the juvenile to get into Grass's vehicle.

During one of Grass's visits to the foster home, a witness was able to obtain a vehicle description and tag number. With this information in hand, detectives queried the tag information and put together a photo-pack.

All parties involved viewed the photo-pack and positively identified the suspect as Linda Grass.

Linda Grass W/F DOB/02-09-1948 was arrested by detectives. She was charged with Interference with Child Custody. Her BOND was set at \$500.

Through the investigation, detectives learned that Grass was working with the biological father of the juvenile. He was also arrested for his involvement in the case.

Scott Alden Smith W/M DOB/09-29-1961 was charged with Interference with Child Custody. His BOND was set at \$500.