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News Release

Two arrested on suspicion of kidnapping juvenile from ACHS

Combs, Reed jailed without bond; Reed also arrested on felony warrant

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (May 3, 2017) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested two Wichita residents April 27 after a kidnapping incident involving a juvenile enrolled at Arkansas City High School.

Donita Marie Reed, 32, was arrested on suspicion of interference with law enforcement, interference with parental custody and kidnapping. She also was wanted on an Arkansas City district court warrant for two counts of contributing to a child's misconduct. All of these charges are felonies.

Reed was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail on the warrant in lieu of \$10,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City. There is no bond for kidnapping. She remained in custody at the time of this release.

Jeremy William Combs, 37, was arrested on suspicion of felony kidnapping, also with no bond. He was transported to and booked into the county jail. He since has been released from jail custody.

Police were dispatched at 2:26 p.m. April 27 to the high school, located at 1200 W. Radio Lane, for a report of a possible runaway juvenile. High school administrators were contacted about the report.

Officers learned a male and female had taken a juvenile female out of the school by using a false identity. Video surveillance assisted them with identifying Combs and Reed as the primary suspects.

Police also learned the juvenile possibly had been taken to Winfield. A "be on the lookout" request was distributed to area law enforcement agencies in an attempt to locate the juvenile.

The juvenile was located at her residence and brought to the Arkansas City Police Department. She confirmed that Reed had used her adoptive mother's name in order to remove her from the high school.

Combs and Reed were located, asked to come to the police department, interviewed, and arrested.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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