

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ARREST MADE IN THEFT OF VALUABLE METALS FROM SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE**

ELLETTSVILLE, INDIANA (December 4, 2016): On December 1 at approximately 3:00 p.m., a representative of Smithville Telephone reported the theft of copper, radiators and rotors to the Ellettsville Police Department that had been stolen in the late evening hours of November 27th. Their surveillance cameras captured video of a white Mercury Mountaineer SUV. At approximately 4:15 p.m., the Mercury Mountaineer drove onto Smithville Telephone's lot and then drove eastbound. Smithville Telephone reported that they had seen the vehicle and Deputy Marshal Zach Michael located and stopped the vehicle a short distance later. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Melanie J.Huntsman (56 years of age) of Gosport, Indiana. After questioning Huntsman, Deputy Marshal Eric Chaudion arrested Huntsman and booked her into Monroe County Correctional Facility on the charge of Theft from a Telecommunications Services, a level 5 Felony.