

MEDIA RELEASE

WOMAN AND INFANT CHILD HELD CAPTIVE IN ELLETTSVILLE APARTMENT

ELLETTSVILLE, INDIANA (July 25, 2016): On Saturday, July 23, 2016 at approximately 10:30 AM, Administrative Deputy Chief Anthony Bowlen and Officer Alva Bohall of the Ellettsville Police Department were dispatched to an apartment on Raub's Lane to check on the welfare of an individual and her infant daughter. The victim's sister in Illinois had received a text message that the victim and her daughter were being held against their will by an acquaintance of the victim. Efforts to make contact were unsuccessful and no one answered the door or cellular phone numbers obtained from family members. Administrative Deputy Chief Bowlen was able to listen through the wall for a short period of time until he heard the sound of movement come from inside the apartment. Officer Bohall then forced entry into the apartment where officers found Dominique Sha Nese Irby (age 24) of Bloomington along with the victim and her infant daughter. The victim reported that Irby had been holding her and her infant child against their will. Dominique Irby was found to be wanted on a warrant out of Monroe County for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Bodily Injury, a Level 5 Felony.

The victim reported that Irby had arrived on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and had held her and her child inside the apartment against their will since that time. The victim told officers that she was not allowed to open the door for anyone and was not allowed to make any noise. The victim was not allowed to make any phone calls or have contact with anyone. Early Saturday morning, the victim had an opportunity to send her sister a text message asking for her to contact the police. The victim and her child were not injured during the ordeal.

Dominique Sha Nese Irby was arrested and transported to Monroe County Correctional Facility where she was booked on the following charges:

1. Criminal Confinement, under I.C. 35-42-3-3(a), a Level 6 Felony.
2. Criminal Confinement of a person less than 14 years of age, under I.C. 35-42-3-1(a), a Level 5 Felony.
3. Warrant for Violation of Probation, original Charge of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Bodily Injury, under I.C. 35-46-1-4, a Level 5 Felony