



**ALAMANCE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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ACSO Arrests Female Who Abducted Two Children

At approximately 10:00 p.m. on February 20, 2021, the Alamance County Sheriff's Office received a report in reference to a missing child. As investigators began their investigation, they learned that the child had been abducted by their biological mother who does not have legal rights to the child. Investigators also found that a second child had been removed and transported without the consent of that child's parent. All parties were in Guilford County.

By around 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2021, deputies located one of the minors at her residence after the suspect had dropped the child off. A short time later, the suspect dropped off the other child who was then located to safety. After that, a deputy noticed the suspect driving and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. At this time, Jessica Zamora Smith was placed under arrest for Abduction of a Child and Felonious Restraint. During the traffic stop, Ms. Smith was found in possession of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Ms. Smith was charged with Abduction of a Child, Felonious Restraint, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was processed at the Alamance County Detention Center and received a \$7,500.00 secured bond. Ms. Smith had a first appearance in District Court on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

This case is ongoing and additional charges are possible from the Alamance County Sheriff's Office. Anyone with information is asked to call the Alamance County Sheriff's Office at 336-570-6300.



Full name: Jessica Zamora Smith

Address: 2260 Quail Drive, Graham, NC

Charges:

- Abduction of a Child
- Felonious Restraint
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Bond: \$7,500.00