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Press Release

Nebraska woman arrested on suspicion of theft, toxic vapors

Carlson accused of shoplifting at Walmart, also arrested on Winfield charges

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 7, 2015) — A Nebraska woman was arrested Tuesday for shoplifting by the Arkansas City Police Department after she allegedly was seen abusing toxic vapors.

Brandy Rhiannon Carlson, 35, of Holbrook, Neb., was arrested on suspicion of theft (fourth offense) and unlawful abuse of toxic vapors. She was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$2,500 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Charges of burglary and felony theft, with an additional bond of \$7,000 through Cowley County District Court in Winfield, were added to Carlson's booking at the county jail.

Carlson remained in custody at the time of this report.

The suspect was witnessed inhaling the vapors about 12:50 p.m. Tuesday by several employees of Walmart, 2701 N. Summit St. A recently used canister was found discarded in the stationery aisle.

After officers arrived at the scene, Carlson was evaluated by the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department, but declined medical attention.

Carlson was arrested after loss prevention personnel reported seeing her put several items of merchandise in her purse.

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

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