



NEWS RELEASE

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Woman Arrested for Kidnapping and Assaulting Two Individuals

On February 19, 2010 at approximately 0900 hours officers from the Bluffton Police Department were dispatched to 38B Joe Hamilton Lane, in reference to a 911 hang up call.

The investigation into the incident revealed that an estranged wife, Sharon Hayward, came to the residence to pick up some items from her husband. An argument ensued between Hayward and her husband. Hayward then proceeded to threaten her husband with a knife and screwdriver, attempting to stab him. The husband was able to fend off the attack, in doing so suffered minor lacerations to his fingers on both hands.

A female acquaintance of the husband sitting in his vehicle was also threatened by the wife who was still armed with the knife and screwdriver. The female was attempting to call 911 when approached by the wife and threatened. The wife damaged the female's cellular telephone during the incident and fled the scene in a green Ford Taurus.

She was found approximately 20 minutes after the incident at her residence in The Farm Subdivision. The weapons used in the assault were recovered by Bluffton Police.

Hayward was arrested and charged with Criminal Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature (16-25-65), Assault and Battery High of a High and Aggravated Nature (17-25-30), and Kidnapping (16-3-910). She was transported to the Beaufort County Detention Center.

ARRESTED



Sharon Grayson Hayward
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