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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MAKE AN ARREST FOR FILING A FALSE POLICE REPORT FOR “KIDNAPPING”

Chicago, IL - Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Zone 1 Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) arrested and charged Sherell Y. Story, a 28-year-old female of Chicago, IL, with Disorderly Conduct- Filing a False Police Report (Class 4 Felony) and Disorderly Conduct -Illegal Use of 911 (Class 4 Felony).

On Dec. 05, 2021, at approximately 4:15 p.m., ISP District Chicago Troopers responded to a reported kidnapping in progress on Interstate 290 at 9th Street. A 911 caller falsely identified herself and stated her relative was being held against her will inside of a white conversion van. ISP District Chicago Troopers located the vehicle on Interstate 290 eastbound at South Austin Boulevard and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was involved in a minor crash ending the vehicle pursuit. The reported suspect, Stephen J. Southern, a 36-year-old male of Chicago, exited the vehicle and fled on foot into a nearby residence. Southern exited the residence, was taken into custody, and charged with Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, Possession of Cannabis, and other traffic offences. Southern was the only individual in the car, and no kidnapping had occurred.

ISP VCU agents initiated an investigation that culminated in the arrest of the 911 caller, later identified as, Sherell Y. Story, the wife of Southern, for the offense of Disorderly Conduct.

On Feb. 28, 2022, Story turned herself in at the Skokie Courthouse. The Cook County Sheriff's Office took custody of Story and she received a \$25,000 bond, 10 % to apply. There is no further information at this time.



Sherell Y. Story (M/28)

The public is reminded that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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