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WOMAN CHARGED WITH TRYING TO PASS SUSPECTED DRUGS TO INMATE AT MAGISTRATE OFFICE

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that a Swissvale woman is facing numerous charges for attempting to pass suspected drug-soaked paperwork to an inmate at the office of Magisterial District Judge Anthony DeLuca.

On Monday, July 1, 2024, 37-year-old April Wright was observed on surveillance footage entering Judge DeLuca's office, going through the metal detector and then proceeding to the restroom. Wright remained in the restroom for a few minutes and then exited the building but remained on the premises.

Approximately five minutes later, Pennsylvania State Constables escort Ryan Den-Zel Perry into the office and towards the restroom. It has been confirmed through investigative measures that Den-Zel Perry is the boyfriend of April Wright. Prior to allowing the inmate to enter the restroom, the constables perform a routine safety sweep of the restroom. During the safety sweep, Constable Lou Leon noticed a missing ceiling tile and discovered an envelope with four blank pieces of paper inside.

Penn Hills Police were notified of the discovery and interviewed Wright, who admitted to receiving the envelope from an unknown male on June 30, 2024, and then placing it in the ceiling of the magistrate's office the following day.

The blank paperwork has been submitted to the Allegheny County Crime Lab and shows indicia of paperwork that has been altered with synthetic cannabinoids.

Wright was transported to the Allegheny County Jail and arraigned on 8 charges including 6 felonies. She faces a preliminary hearing on July 15, 2024.

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