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## EAST McKEESPORT WOMAN APPREHENDED AFTER ESCAPING FROM CONSTABLE

**Pittsburgh PA** ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that an East McKeesport woman is back in custody after escaping from a constable's car Friday afternoon.

19-year-old Alyssa Cunha and 47-year-old Rebecca Lynn Cunning were picked up by the constable at the McKeesport police station after being arrested on unrelated warrants earlier in the day. While en route to the Allegheny County Jail, both woman, who were handcuffed but not shackled, were able to open the back doors of the Ford Taurus at a stop light along Mifflin Road. This occurred despite the back seat of the Taurus being caged with barred windows and doors that are supposed to be unable to be opened from the inside.

Both women fled on foot in opposite directions from the vehicle and a short foot pursuit by the constable was unsuccessful in tracking them down. Shortly before 6:00pm, Pittsburgh Police Officers spotted Cunning in a wooded area off Mifflin Road and took her into custody after a brief foot pursuit.

Detectives from our office were able to develop information concerning the location of Alyssa Cunha and shortly before 9:00pm Friday night, detectives approached a residence on Lawndale Avenue in McKeesport. After announcing themselves as law enforcement, the detectives took Cunha into custody inside of the residence without incident. Cunha was transported to the Allegheny County Jail for arraignment on a number of new charges including escape and conspiracy.

Following the arrest, detectives were able to locate the handcuffs and restraining belt near the intersection of Lebanon Road and Mifflin Road.

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