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## BEAVER FALLS WOMAN WANTED FOR FAILING TO RETURN CHILDREN TO GUARDIAN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

**Pittsburgh PA** ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that a Beaver Falls woman, wanted for failing to return her 4 children to their legal guardian, has been taken into custody.

33-year-old Aliah Jones is the biological mother of 4 children, ages 5 to 11-years-old. Those children have been in the custody of a legal guardian for more than a year. The guardian, who has complete authority over the custody, health and welfare of the children, had arranged for Jones to visit with the children with the understanding that Jones would return the children at 4:30pm on June 15, 2024.

Jones failed to return the children at that time and several hours later the guardian reported the situation to City of Pittsburgh Police. On June 25, 2024, Allegheny County Family Division Judge Paul Cozza issued an emergency court order calling for the children to be immediately returned to their guardian. On July 3, 2024, City of Pittsburgh Police filed 4 felony counts of interference in the custody of minors against Jones.

On July 5, 2024, Pittsburgh Police reached out to our office for assistance in locating Jones, and our detectives immediately developed information that Jones was in Ohio. The search was narrowed to Warren, Ohio and at 6:30pm on Friday, our detectives, along with local authorities, found Jones and the 4 children at a gas station in Warren. Jones was arrested without incident and lodged in the Trumbull County Jail to await extradition back to Allegheny County.

Our detectives assumed protective custody of the 4 children following the arrest and they were returned to their legal guardian Friday night.

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