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Reckless Driving Complaint leads to Stolen Vehicle

Sumerduck – A Fauquier County Sheriff's Deputy arrested and charged Melissa Renee Tompkins, 37, of Manassas, with Grand Larceny, Drunk in Public and Driving Suspended Wednesday, October 7.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the 5400 block of Sumerduck Road for a Reckless Driving Complaint. The caller reported that a Ford F150 operated by a white female drove through his front yard. Deputies canvassed the area and could not locate the automobile.

While deputies were investigating the Reckless Driving complaint, a Welfare Check call was given out in the 13000 block of Union Church Road. Deputies made contact with two residential homeowners. Both homeowners had encounters and witnessed a female subject acting very strange and advised the deputies she was involved in a four wheeler crash but was alright. Both homeowners told deputies the female subject walked off into the woods. Deputies identified the female subject as Melissa Tompkins.

During the canvass of the area, a Fauquier Sheriff's Deputy responded to another residence at the 13000 block of Union Church Road. During the deputy's investigation it was learned that a white Ford Focus was stolen from the residence. The victim reported that when he arrived home the vehicle was gone and another vehicle had been tampered with.

Fauquier Sheriff's Deputies were notified of Tompkins' whereabouts. Tompkins was located on Virginia Court in the Marsh Run Mobile Home Community. She was placed under arrest and the stolen vehicle recovered by a K9 Unit on Buck Court.

On October 8, sheriff deputies located the Ford F150 in the 13000 block of Union Church Road. Deputies confirmed the vehicle was involved with the October 7, Reckless Driving complaint. Deputies processed the vehicle and learned it was involved in a traffic crash and caused property damage.

Tompkins is currently being held at the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center with No Bond.



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