



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



WEAPON RECOVERED AT JFS METAL DETECTOR

Hamilton County, March 5, 2014 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a Deputy Sheriff, assigned to the Court Service Division, Job & Family Service Unit, found a loaded S&W 22 Cal Handgun in a woman's purse.

On Wednesday March 5, 2014, Shaequeya Smith entered the Job & Family Services Building, (222 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202) at approximately 8:45 a.m. The deputy observed Ms. Smith place her purse on the conveyer belt to be scanned, and Ms. Smith proceeded to go through the archway/metal detector. As her purse went through the X-ray machine the deputy observed a handgun inside her purse. He immediately took control of the purse and looked inside to check the contents, where he found the handgun. The deputy inquired whether the purse belonged to Ms. Smith. After she answered in the affirmative, he then placed her in cuffs and arrested her for CCW 2923.12 F-4. Ms. Smith and her purse were taken to our office, where the handgun was found to be loaded with two (2) 22 cal bullets. At that time it was unloaded and secured.

Ms. Smith was advised of her rights, paperwork completed, and transported to the HCJC, without further incident.

This Deputy was commended on his find, as this was his second handgun recovery in the past 7 months.

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