



# NEKOOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

May 15, 2017

On May 14, 2017 at approximately 8:16pm, Mariah Czappa - age 18 of Wisconsin Rapids was located and stopped by a Nekoosa officer at Dollar General in Nekoosa. During an attempt to take Czappa into custody for a felony arrest warrant, she attempted to drive away. While trying to stop her from doing so, Czappa drug the officer alongside the vehicle for 10-15 feet before striking a fire hydrant. Uninjured, the officer was able to free himself from the vehicle.

Czappa continued to flee officers in her vehicle, reaching speeds of approximately 100 mph. Officers pursued Czappa from Nekoosa, through Pittsville and then apprehended her after she spun out in the road ditch near STH 73 and Knuth Road.

Czappa was evaluated at Riverview ER and released to the custody of Nekoosa Police Department. The officer was treated for a hand laceration.

Mariah Czappa was arrested for Fleeing an Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Reckless Endangering Safety, Felony and Misdemeanor Bail Jumping, Possession of Methamphetamine and Operating While Under the Influence of an Intoxicant.

Assisting agencies include Wood County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, Port Edwards Police Department, Pittsville Police Department, Wood County Rescue, Vesper Fire Department and United Ambulance.

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