



JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Media Release
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To: All media outlets
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Subject: Domestic Assault arrest
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Yesterday afternoon, January 16th, 2024, members of the department investigated a call involving allegations of intentional poisoning of a spouse. Authorities were notified by the victim that he believed a period of unexplained illnesses were in fact an intentional act of poisoning.

The suspect was located and after being advised of her Miranda warning, agreed to answer questions. During the course of the interview, the suspect admitted to adding items to the victim's food with the knowledge of it's potential to cause illness/death.

A search of a national poison control center indicated all parts of the substance used contain numerous cardiac glycosides, which slow down the heart and cause irregular heart rhythm. It is also categorized as having major toxicity signs of cardiac glycosides which cause nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain.

The 37-year-old Jefferson City female is being held at the Cole County Jail awaiting review by the Cole County Prosecutor's Office for the crime of (RSMO) 565.072 Domestic Assault 1st degree.

As a reminder, the fact that a person has been arrested and/or charged does not imply that he/she is guilty. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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