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**Blacklick Woman Indicted After
Fleeing Law Enforcement At Tanger Outlets**



A. Hissong

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a three-count indictment against 28-year-old Alana M. Hissong after she fled from authorities at Tanger Outlets on August 8, 2017. The officers were responding to a report of theft.

“When officers requested Ms. Hissong stop, she ignored the order,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Instead, she got in her vehicle and accelerated, knocking a deputy to the ground before pulling out to State Route 37.”

The suspect fled along State Route 36/37, North Galena Road, and Berkshire Road, eventually running into a telephone pole at the intersection of Berkshire and 3 Bs and a K Roads.

“The vehicle’s front passenger tire had been shot by a deputy while in the parking lot at Tanger Outlets,” O’Brien said. “The shooting is being investigated by BCI. Ms. Hissong was not seriously hurt in the crash.”

Hissong is charged with robbery – a second-degree felony, failure to comply with an order or signal of police officer – a third-degree felony, and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – a first-degree misdemeanor.

A search of Ms. Hissong’s vehicle revealed clothing items with security devices attached, a large bag used to conceal merchandise, and another bag containing pipes and pills. At the time of her arrest, she was found to have an active felony warrant out for her arrest for possession of cocaine.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.

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COLUMBUS MAN PLEADS TO ABDUCTION



On what was supposed to be the first day of his second trial, Timothy Durbin, 53, entered an Alford plea to a charge of abduction – a third-degree felony.

In an Alford plea, a defendant admits the evidence to be presented against him or her would likely persuade a judge or jury to enter a finding of guilt, but he or she does not actually admit guilt.

T. Durbin

“Today’s plea brings closure for the family,” said First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. “The family did not wish to go through another trial and understands an Alford plea ensures accountability from the court.”

Charges were filed against Timothy Durbin after a disclosure of sexual misconduct was reported to Genoa Township Police in October 2014.

An initial indictment was returned in April 2015. It was dismissed after a motion to dismiss was filed by the state. Durbin was later reindicted in December 2015, with the indictment alleging rape, gross sexual imposition, and kidnapping.

The indictment against Durbin listed the crime as occurring from July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004. It went on to state the victim, at the time of the offense, was less than 10 years old.

“Today’s Alford plea is a compromise,” Rohrer said. “While the defendant will not face the maximum penalties he might have gotten if he’d gone to trial, there is a certainty of punishment through the justice system. In addition, abduction is a felony of violence, and as such, can never be sealed.”

Sentencing is set for November 14, 2017 at 3 p.m.