



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ARRESTED WOMAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER SUFFERING MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN POLICE VEHICLE

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – March 24, 2021 – On Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at around 3:00 pm, Officers were dispatched to the area of Congress Crossing in reference to a family dispute.

While on scene, officers discovered that one of the women involved had an active warrant for her arrest. While searching her before placing her in the back of a patrol car, they also located drug paraphernalia.

While the woman was being transported to the McMinn County Jail, the transporting officer noticed that she appeared unconscious. The officer immediately pulled over into a parking lot, began assessing the woman's condition and called for medical assistance. Athens Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived shortly thereafter to provide medical assistance. The woman was eventually taken to Starr Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Chief Couch, of the Athens Police Department, said "when someone is in our custody, the Athens Police Department does everything possible to keep them safe. I'm proud that the officer's vigilance allowed this woman to get prompt medical attention when she needed it."