

Sheriff Joey Lemons
Stokes County Sheriff's Office

In the early morning hours of 11/29/2023, the Stokes County Sheriff's Office received multiple 911 hang up calls in the area of Bud Tilley Road in Pinnacle. Deputies were dispatched to that area to investigate.

Around 8:00am on the same day, the Stokes County Communications Center received a 911 call from a female stating that she was located at 2094 Bud Tilley Road and was being held against her will by Ric Williams. During this call, deputies determined that the female was in distress, and needed immediate assistance. Additional deputies and detectives were dispatched to this address and upon arrival, made contact with the caller, as well as Ric Williams. Ric Williams was taken into custody for a violation of a domestic violence protection order that was issued against him in October of 2023. The caller was evaluated by Stokes County EMS.

During the investigation, detectives determined that Ric Williams had taken the victim, against her will, from another location to 2094 Bud Tilley Road on the evening of 11/28/2023. Detectives secured a search warrant for the residence at 2094 Bud Tilley Road and located evidence relating to this incident.

Upon further investigation by detectives, Ric Williams (W/M, 23 years old, 2094 Bud Tilley Rd Pinnacle NC) was subsequently charged with the following:

- (1 Felony Count) Kidnapping
- (2 Felony Counts) Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation with Weapon.
- (1 Felony Count) Breaking and Entering
- (1 Felony Count) Assault by Strangulation
- (1 Misdemeanor Count) Battery of Unborn Child
- (1 Misdemeanor Count) Communicating Threats
- (1 Misdemeanor Count) Assault on a Female
- (1 Misdemeanor Count) Interfere Emergency Communications
- (1 Misdemeanor Count) Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation

On 11/30/2023, Williams was taken before a Stokes County District Court Judge and received a \$1,000,000.00 secured bond. He is currently in the Stokes County Jail.

Ric Williams next court date will be on December 11th, 2023 in Stokes County District Court. This investigation is ongoing, and no further information will be released at this time.

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