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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: **Janice Gooden**
 100 Washington Arms Apartments, Apt. A2
 Washington, New Jersey 07882
 DOB: December 11, 1965

The above-named individual was arrested Thursday, January 3, 2008, by Detective Melissa Viscomi and Sergeant Toni Latario of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit on a charge of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, 2C:24-4a, a crime of the second degree and a charge of Child Neglect, N.J.S.A. 9:6-3, a crime of the fourth degree.

A second-degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison. A fourth-degree crime carries a maximum term of up to 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

The complaint alleges that between November 29, 2007 and December 3, 2007 the defendant abandoned a fourteen year-old child while having a legal duty to care for said child. The victim was known to the defendant.

The defendant was released on her own recognizance. Her first appearance is scheduled for Friday, January 4, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. before Honorable John H. Pursel, J.S.C.

Detective Melissa Viscomi of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit conducted the investigation.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.

APPROVED BY:

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THOMAS S. FERGUSON
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DATE: January 4, 2008