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FAMILY DISPUTE RESULTS IN CHILD ABDUCTION

On 09/18/09 at approximately 0840 hours, Escondido police received a report of child abduction. Officers arrived and determined the suspect, Stacy Wright, age 49, of San Marcos, went to her daughter's Escondido residence to check on her two granddaughters. At the time, her four-year-old granddaughter was home with the child's mother. Wright's daughter was planning to allow her four-year-old daughter to spend the day with her grandmother, but Wright and her daughter became involved in a heated verbal argument. During the argument, Wright's daughter rescinded the offer for visitation and tried to pick up her daughter to keep her from her grandmother. Wright pushed her daughter to the ground, and told her granddaughter to run from the residence; the child ran to her grandmother's vehicle. As Wright was trying to leave with the child, her daughter tried to stop Wright. A witness saw Wright's daughter holding onto the vehicle while Wright had a hold of her daughter's hair. Wright drove away while her daughter was holding on to the vehicle, knocking her down to the ground. Wright's daughter received minor injuries during the altercation.

Despite numerous calls and attempts by police to contact both Wright and her immediate family members, Wright did not contact police or her daughter. At about 1400 hours, Detectives located Wright's vehicle at a residence in the 1000 block of W. 5th Avenue in Escondido. They found Wright with her husband and granddaughter in the residence. Following the investigation it was determined Wright did not have a legal right to take the child against the will of the child's mother. The child was returned, unharmed, to her mother.

Wright was taken into custody without incident and later booked at Vista Detention Facility for the following charges: PC 278, Child Stealing, and PC 242, Battery.

Submitted by

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To report any suspicious activities in your neighborhood, you may contact the Police Department directly, or you may make an unidentified call on our "Anonymous Tip Line" at (760) 743-TIPS (8477) or via our Web site at www.escondido.org/police.

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