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Woman Arrested For Abusing Family Member

Defendant Shaved Minor's Head, Wrote on Her Face & Shoved Metal in Her Mouth

PALM COAST, FL – A 33-year-old Palm Coast woman faces three felony charges after witnesses saw her shave a juvenile family member's head, write derogatory words on her face and shove a metal bar in her mouth over sexually explicit photographs found on that family member's phone and then resisted and attacked deputies who were investigating.

Priscilla Jocelyn Florentino is being held without bond at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Center on charges of child abuse without great bodily harm, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer without violence following her arrest at 4:58 p.m. on Thursday (August 11, 2022) at a residence in Palm Coast.



Priscilla Jocelyn Florentino (Flagler County Jail booking photo)

Florentino's Date of Birth: 02/17/1989

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“You have the right to discipline but this woman took her anger out on the victim in completely unacceptable ways and then tried to impede the deputies who responded to investigate,” said Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly. “In my career, I’ve never seen someone do these kind of horrific acts to a minor as disciplinary measures. I hope she gets anger management classes, which she obviously needs.”

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) was first notified of the abuse at approximately 2:15 p.m. Thursday when dispatchers received a call from one of the witnesses. Deputies were dispatched and spoke to witnesses. Deputies responded to the suspect’s residence where she resisted arrest by trying to flee and hitting investigating deputies. Florentino was ultimately secured.

Investigators learned that Florentino became upset earlier in the day after discovering sexually explicit images on the family member’s phone and went to confront the victim. During that confrontation, Florentino handcuffed one of the victim’s arms to a steering wheel and left her in a hot vehicle for some time. Florentino then took the victim – who is a minor – inside a business in the area of Palm Coast Parkway and Old Kings Road where the abuse took place.

Florentino has no prior criminal history in Flagler County.

The Florida Department of Children & Families (DCF) has been notified of this incident.

[Click here for redacted body camera video of the incident.](#)

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