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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Woman Arrested After Yelling 'I am a schoolteacher and have COVID-19' then Spits in Man's Face**

On June 16, 2020, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a retail store in the 25900 block of Riverwoods Road, Mettawa, for a report of a battery.

Sheriff's deputies determined the victim, a 50-year-old man, checked out at the checkout counter and was in the process of exiting the store when he removed his facemask. After removing his facemask Elizabeth H. Mach, 45, of the 500 block of Vine Avenue, Highland Park, rammed her shopping cart into the victim's cart. Mach began yelling at the victim that he needed to put his mask back on, as he was not yet outside of the building. The victim ignored Mach, but Mach continued yelling stating, "I am a schoolteacher and I have COVID-19." Mach then removed her face covering and spit in the face of the victim. She then fled from the scene in her vehicle.

Following an investigation sheriff's detectives were able to identify the woman.

On July 8, 2020, Sheriff's Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Mach for two counts of battery and one count of disorderly conduct. A Judge set the bond amount on the warrant at \$40,000.00. Sheriff's detectives arrested Mach at her residence without incident on July 8, 2020.

Mach posted 10% of her \$40,000.00 bond in the evening on July 8, 2020, and is next due in court on July 29, 2020 at 9:00AM in courtroom T110.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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