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MEDIA RELEASE

Waukegan Woman Charged with Aggravated Battery after Headbutting Sheriff's Deputy

On September 4, 2021, at approximately 1:45 a.m. a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Sunset Avenue and Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, for traffic violations. The driver, Viviana Mora, 25, of the 600 block of 2nd Street, Waukegan, was found to be driving under the influence of drugs.

The sheriff's deputy placed Mora under arrest and placed her in the backseat of his squad car. Mora became belligerent and out of control. She attempted to kick out the squad car windows and took her seatbelt off. Sheriff's deputies attempted to place Mora's seatbelt back on and she headbutted one of the deputies in the face, causing minor injuries to the deputy. The deputy was treated and released by paramedics.

After arriving at the Lake County Jail, Mora continued being belligerent and refused to follow the instructions of sheriff's deputies and correctional officers. Mora continued her combative demeanor with correctional staff and subsequently pepper sprayed.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges:

- Aggravated Battery to Peace Officer
- Resisting Arrest
- DUI – Drugs
- Numerous Traffic Infractions

Mora remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$50,000.00 bail. She is next due in court on September 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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

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