



# ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **WIFE CHARGED FOR HARBORING KNOWN MEGAN'S LAW VIOLATOR HUSBAND**

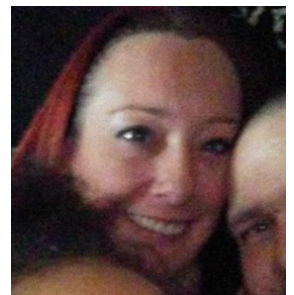
PITTSBURGH, PA - Sheriff William P. Mullen announces the arrest of Wendy Peterson, 42 years of age from the City of McKeesport. Peterson was arrested upon following up an investigation in relation to her husband, Jason Peterson, who was arrested by deputies on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Upon sentencing regarding a child support case, Mr. Peterson was sent to a Renewal Center. Before finishing out his time, he escaped the facility. Since non-support is not a criminal offense, an escape warrant was not issued for his arrest. However, a new family division warrant was issued due to failing to comply with his sentencing.

After one attempt at locating Mr. Peterson at Mrs. Peterson's address in the 1700 block of Grandview Avenue, deputies returned on March 21st. Deputies developed information that the couple was in the home and refused to answer the door, so the door was breached and contact was made with Wendy Peterson. She stated that she was the only one home, yet deputies located her husband in a second floor bedroom. Upon locating Mr. Peterson, Wendy apologized for lying and stated that she purposely did not open the door because she knew he was wanted.

Upon transport of Jason Peterson to the Allegheny County Jail, deputies discovered another warrant regarding Failure to Register as Required by a Sexual Offender (Megan's Law). Due to this finding, deputies returned to interview Mrs. Peterson this afternoon and she explained that she knew her husband was wanted on a few warrants, including the Megan's Law violation. Additionally, she understood the laws regarding hindering the apprehension of an individual wanted on Megan's Law Violation charges. Due to this admission, Wendy Peterson was taken into custody and transported to the Allegheny County Jail, as well. Mrs. Peterson will await arraignment on four charges relating to Conduct Related to Sexual Offenders and Hindering Apprehension.

Since this new law was enacted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relating to hindering investigations related to sexual offenders, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is responsible for nearly 90% of the charges in Allegheny County. The Sheriff's Office continues to ensure that Megan's Law Violators and fugitives wanted on sexual assault charges are top priority.



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