



# ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **DEPUTIES TRACK DOWN NEGLIGENT MOTHER TO GEORGIA, REUNITE FATHER WITH CHILD AFTER THREE WEEKS**

PITTSBURGH, PA – Sheriff William P. Mullen announces the arrest of Juane Sanders, 39 years of age, originally from Bellevue. Since the Thanksgiving holiday, Sanders had failed to respond to multiple court orders, which directed her to return custody of her child with the father. In fact, a court order on November 22nd and 30th went unanswered, along with multiple attempts by the father's counsel to contact Sanders via phone, e-mail, social media and certified mail. The last response received by the child's father from Sanders was through email on November 22nd, which she responded “thanks for the email update, my family and I have already relocated.”

On December 5th, Allegheny County Family Division Judge Evashavik Dilucente issued a bench warrant for failure to comply with the previous two custody orders. At this point, sheriff's deputies began to research Ms. Sanders whereabouts, which led them to her mother's address in Smyrna, GA, a northwestern suburb of Atlanta. Sheriff's deputies made contact with the Cobb County Sheriff's Office to relay information about the case, in hopes of locating Sanders and the child. In the meantime, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office obtained a warrant on December 15th for Sanders with the charges of Interference with Custody of Children and Concealment Whereabouts of a Child, both felonies. In turn, Family Division granted the father full custody of the child, upon locating and reuniting the two.

Yesterday evening, Cobb County detectives setup surveillance at the address in question and viewed the minor child enter the home with a black male. Later in the evening, a vehicle matching the description of Sanders' pulled up to the home and she exited the vehicle. Upon making positive identification that the woman exiting the car was Sanders, she was taken into custody by Cobb County deputies. Soon thereafter, deputies took custody of the minor child and reunited the child with the father, who traveled to the area in hopes of being reunited.

Sanders is currently lodged in the Cobb County Jail, where she will await extradition back to Allegheny County to face the aforementioned charges, from both Family Division and the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Mullen would like to thank the Cobb County Sheriff's Office for their diligence and cooperation in assisting Allegheny County to reunite this family during the holiday season.



**Juane Sanders**