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July 11, 2011 (Lake Panasoffkee, Fl)

Lake Panasoffkee Woman Facing Child Abuse Charges



Alta B. Risen, 32, of Lake Panasoffkee was arrested July 9, 2011; she was charged with Child Abuse and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Sheriff's deputies responded to Risen's Lake Panasoffkee residence with an investigator from the Department of Child and Families regarding allegations of child neglect. When they arrived, Ms. Risen showed signs indicative of being under the influence of a narcotic and determined the residence was unfit for occupancy. Deputies found dirty, unwashed clothing piled four feet high in the kitchen and strewn about in front of the washing machine that blocked the rear from use. Roaches and ants had infested dishes in the kitchen sink and countertops; there were dried canine feces and urine stains on the kitchen floor; roach infestation and rotting food was discovered inside the refrigerator. Deputies also found two pipes commonly used to inhale Marijuana in the residence; the presence of Marijuana was confirmed by a presumptive test performed by the deputies on scene. Ms. Risen was taken to the Sumter County Detention Center and her bond was set at \$5,500 dollars. The minor child in the home was turned over to a family member.

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