

The following information relates to the arrest of the three individuals who were arrested for attempting to defraud Toys for Tots.

According to Sheriff Rick Davis" The shame of it all is that if these people had a legitimate need for toys for children in need, there are numerous programs and organizations in place here in the county that would have gladly met that need."

Henderson County Sheriffs investigators completed an investigation the morning of December 9th 2009 involving a fraudulent request for toys to; Toys for Tots of Henderson County. The request was scamming our community and Toys for Tots for toys valued in excess of \$ 1,750.00.

Investigators were alerted by authorities of the Henderson County Department of Public Health of a possible fraudulent request for toys to allegedly provide for 166 needy area children. Authorities for Toys for Tots also contacted investigators immediately after being alerted to a possible scam. Investigators conducted multiple interviews and worked in conjunction with the Henderson County Department of Public Health and Toys for Tots of Henderson County and subsequently determined that the request was in fact false and misrepresented.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. two vehicles arrived at Toys for Tots which is located in the Wal-Mart shopping center of Hendersonville. Toys were subsequently loaded into the vehicles by undercover officers and, the toys were signed for and accepted by an individual who portrayed to be a representative for the Henderson County Department of Public Health.

The three below stated females were arrested without incident for the felonious crimes stated and will have a first appearance in Henderson County District Court on Thursday, December 10th.

Investigators arrested the following individuals in the scam; their booking photos are also attached.

- 1) Monica Renea White, 27 years of age of Hawk Meadow Drive in Edneyville**
 - **Attempt to obtain property by false pretense**
 - **Conspiracy**

- 2) Latisha Elizabeth White, 19 years of age of Hawk Meadow Drive in Edneyville**
 - **Attempt to obtain property by false pretense**
 - **Conspiracy**
 - **Forgery and Uttering of endorsement**

3) Grasuela Lopez Rios, 51 years of age of Hawk Meadow Drive in Edneyville

- **Attempt to obtain property by false pretense**
- **Conspiracy**

It should also be noted that Grasuela Rios was arrested and convicted for obtaining property by false pretense from an investigation that occurred in July 2009 where at the time Rios was employed by the Henderson County Department of Public Health where she was scamming members of the community for services and product from the Henderson County Department of Public Health. Rios is not currently employed.

The investigation was also assisted by Detectives with the Hendersonville Police Department.



Monica Renea White



Grasuela Lopez Rios



Latisha Elizabeth White