

Police: Ashford woman arrested following high-speed chase, child and pig found in vehicle

CABELL COUNTY, W.Va. (WCHS) — Milton police made an arrest following a high-speed chase through Cabell County Saturday evening. Officers report an Ashford woman is facing multiple charges after police discovered a child and a pig inside the vehicle following a pursuit that lasted nearly 20 minutes.

Jessica Meredith Beall, 32 has been charged with felony fleeing with reckless indifference, child endangerment, obstruction, improper registration and illegal window tinting, according to a social media post from the Milton Police Department.

The post said Beall was initially stopped by law enforcement along Interstate 64 for registration and equipment violations. Police said Beall fled toward Barboursville at a high rate of speed.

"She break checked and started going fifteen miles an hour trying to slow down traffic then she took off again and we got off the exit twenty at the mall exit," Milton Police Department Keith Higginbotham said.

Officers reported apprehending Beall in an Aldi parking lot after being met with resistance.

"We approached the car, we ordered her to get out. She wouldn't get out. I had to bust the window and she was helped out, assisted out of the vehicle, placed on the ground and arrested," Higginbotham said.

Milton Police Department said a young child in the vehicle was given to Child Protective Services. A small pig was also located in the vehicle and turned over to Animal Control.

"We didn't know at the time, but after we opened up the doors to see if there was anyone else, there was a child approximately three years of age," Officer Higginbotham said.

Beall was transported to Western Regional Jail to await court proceedings.

The Milton Police Department reports receiving additional assistance from the Cabell County Sheriff's Office, the Barboursville Police Department and West Virginia State Police.

"I think one of the greatest things about this is that everybody was so professional," Keith Higginbotham, of the Milton Police Department told Eyewitness News. "We've been trained professionally, we worked together and there were no accidents."

Officers said the incident remains under investigation and additional charges may be forthcoming.