

KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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On 09/17/2012 Officers of the Ketchikan Police Department responded to Houghtaling Elementary School due to a complaint by a teacher. Officers were told a seven year old student came to school today with what appeared to be tape residue on his face, arms and in his hair. The student stated his mother had put tape around his mouth and taped his hands behind his back. He told his teacher he could not breathe and had passed out.

The child told Officers that on 9/16/2012 he got in trouble with his mother just after breakfast. He said his mother put gray tape around his mouth and taped his hands behind his back. He said he remained bound until evening time, missing lunch and dinner.

Officers spoke to the five year old sibling who stated he saw his mother put tape on his brother after breakfast and did not take it off until bedtime.

Officers went to a North Yorktown address and contacted the boy's mother, ELIZABETH C. JOHNSON, 34 years of age of Ketchikan Alaska. At the house Officers found two pieces of duct tape in the trash; one piece had hair stuck on it.

Ms. Johnson was arrested for Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the First Degree, a C Felony. She was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where she was held without bail.