

Police: Decatur woman arrested after making 24 false 911 calls since August

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DECATUR — Police said a Decatur woman who had frequently called 911 and then denied it was arrested after her phone number was traced to a call Friday.

Detective Sgt. Chris Copeland said Decatur Ambulance Service and the Decatur Fire Department responded to the Illinois Department of Human Services office, 707 E. Wood St., Friday morning after the 28-year-old woman called 911 and said she was pregnant and vomiting.

Copeland said the woman denied making the call when crews arrived, and first responders had dispatchers ring the number that had been used.

“And her phone started ringing,” Copeland said. “Yet she continued to deny calling 911 and said she did not need any medical help.”

But Copeland said when the woman called 911 again just after 3 p.m. Friday afternoon from her Decatur home, she was taken to hospital for an “involuntary admission” psychiatric evaluation. This time Decatur Ambulance Service, firefighters and police officers responded. Copeland said the hospital admission was authorized after firefighters heard the woman, who appeared intoxicated, talking on the phone about “wanting to die.”

She was also arrested on a preliminary charge of disorderly conduct for filing a false request for an ambulance, a Class 4 felony. Copeland said that a check of records showed that, since August 2018, emergency personnel had responded to 24 false 911 calls from the woman.

“And just since Jan. 3, there has been eight calls from her, and four of those were in the same day,” Copeland said.

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