



## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Fitzgerald Schools Superintendent & Director of Food Services Arraigned**

The Warren Police Department would like to provide an update regarding the arrest of Fitzgerald Public Schools Superintendent Hollie Stange and Food Services Director Amanda Carroll on Friday, December 20, 2024.

In November of this year, the Warren Police Department received several complaints regarding student altercations and fights occurring at or near Fitzgerald High School. The Department also received information regarding alleged narcotic activity involving Superintendent Stange on school property during school hours.

On Friday (12/20/2024) in the late morning hours, officers were in the area of Fitzgerald High School when they observed Stange exit Fitzgerald High School, enter her personal vehicle, and leave school property. Officers observed Stange drive to the shopping plaza across the street, less than 300 feet from school property. Officers watched as Stange entered the passenger seat of a gray SUV occupied by a lone female occupant. This occupant was later confirmed to be Amanda Carroll. Officers watched as Stange and Carroll remained inside of Carroll's vehicle. Officers then observed Stange and Carroll smoking and sharing a marijuana joint for several minutes. Nearby officers also confirmed the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

After a few moments, officers observed Stange enter her personal vehicle and exit the shopping plaza onto Ryan Rd. Officers subsequently conducted a traffic stop on Stange near 8 Mile and Warner for traffic violations. Officers made contact with Stange and immediately smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. A Warren Police K9 alerted on Stange's vehicle indicating the presence of narcotics. Stange also made several statements about using marijuana earlier and displayed other signs of intoxication. Stange was then arrested for operating while intoxicated. During a search of Stange's purse, investigators located evidence of burnt marijuana. Officers also located an additional bag of fresh marijuana in Stange's purse which weighed in excess of 50 grams. Inside Stange's vehicle, officers located a loaded, .22 caliber rifle wrapped in a blanket in the rear seat of her vehicle. Stange was then transported to the Warren Police Department for processing. Officers then obtained a sample of Stange's blood which will be analyzed for the presence of intoxicants by the Michigan State Police Laboratory. Based on the observation of Stange's activities, officers concluded that the rifle was present in her vehicle while she was on school property. There was no evidence or observations to suggest that Stange acquired the rifle outside of school property on Friday prior to her arrest.

Officers also conducted a traffic stop on Carroll's vehicle on Friday afternoon. Officers detected an odor of burnt marijuana coming from Carroll's vehicle. Officers further noted other signs of intoxication during this traffic stop. A 6-year-old child was also inside the vehicle with Carroll

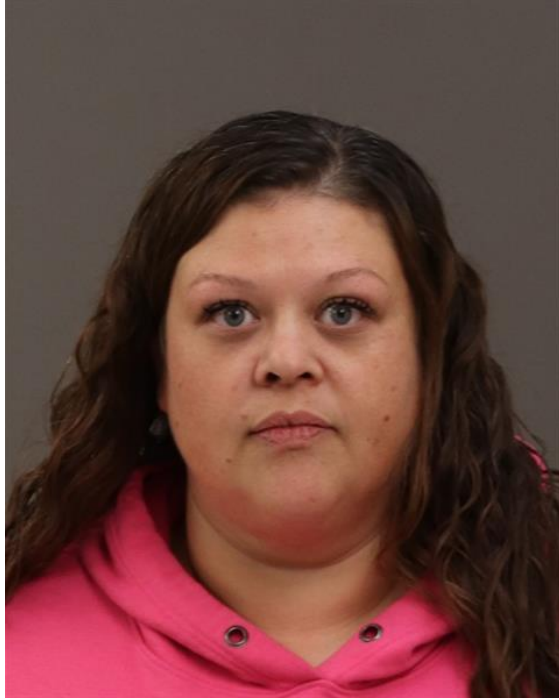
during this traffic stop. Carroll was then placed under arrest for operating while intoxicated. A search of Carroll's vehicle located more than 25 grams worth of marijuana which officers concluded she possessed within 1,000 feet of a school. Officers then obtained a sample of Carroll's blood which will also be analyzed by the Michigan State Police Laboratory.

As with every case, the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office reviewed the facts and charged Stange with possession of marijuana on school property or within 1,000 feet of school (a 2 year misdemeanor), operating while intoxicated (a 93 day misdemeanor), and possession of a weapon on school property (a 93 day misdemeanor). Stange posted an interim bond over the weekend and was formally arraigned on these charges this afternoon at the 37<sup>th</sup> District Court by Visiting Judge Draper. Stange's bond was set at \$5,000 cash/surety only. Other bond conditions include no drugs, alcohol, or weapons possession. Her next court date is 01/02/2025.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office also charged Carroll with operating while intoxicated second offense (a 1 year-misdemeanor), operating while intoxicated with an occupant under 16 years of age (a 1 year misdemeanor), and possession of marijuana on school property or within 1,000 feet of a school (a 2-year misdemeanor). Carroll posted an interim bond over the weekend and was also formally arraigned on her charges this afternoon by Visiting Judge Draper. Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash/surety only. Other bond conditions included no drugs or alcohol. Her next court date is also on 01/02/2025.

Like any person charged with a crime, Stange and Carroll are entitled to due process and presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**For further information, please contact Warren Police Commissioner  
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*Hollie Stange, Warren PD Booking Photo*



*Amanda Carroll, Warren PD Booking Photo*