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INCIDENT TYPE – SEARCH WARRANT AND DRUG ARREST

HIGH POINT, NC – On Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 3:50 p.m., High Point police responded to a park, located at 1812 Pershing Street in reference to a small naked child running around by themselves. Upon arrival, High Point officers located a five-year-old child in the park wearing only a shirt and their lower extremities exposed. As other officers began arriving on the scene, they were able to determine that the child resided at 1814 Pershing Street and located the child's mother.

Officers began speaking with the child's mother, **Morgaine A Von Steer-Henderson (W/F, 33, of High Point)**. Officers conducted a welfare check in the home due to other children being there. Through investigation, it was determined that the child stated they were going to the bathroom but left the house instead and walked to the park. While officers were speaking with Von Steer-Henderson, a strong odor of marijuana was detected. Officers locked down the house and applied for a search warrant. Once the search warrant was granted, it was served on Ms. Von Steer-Henderson.

While inside the residence, officers located 18.51 grams of marijuana in various places throughout the house. They also located 5.31 grams of heroin, two properly registered firearms (one loaded and one unloaded), various calibers of bullets, and spent shell casings of various calibers.

The Department of Social Services was notified and is investigating. The children are all safe and were placed with their father at another location.

Von Steer-Henderson was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance Schedule I, Possession of Schedule VI, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was transported to the Guilford County (High Point) Magistrate's Office where she was given a \$15,000 unsecured bond and released.



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Von Steer-Henderson (2021 booking photo)

High Point Police Department remains diligent and focused on identifying those persons involved in criminal activity in High Point and holding them and their associates responsible for their actions. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact Crime Stoppers of High Point at 336-889-4000 or to Download the P3 mobile app for IOS or Android.

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