



FRANKLIN COUNTY **SHERIFF**

PRESS RELEASE

CASE #: 25FRC001776
DATE(s)/Time(s): 08/08/2025/11:29 PM
Incident Type/Charge(s): 3 Counts of Cruelty to Children by One Over 16
3 Counts of Reckless Endangerment
Location of Incident: Park & Ride, Skunk Hill Road, Georgia, VT
Accused: Travis Dashnow DOB 05/15/1984
Jena Mays DOB 12/22/1995

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Sheriff's Office does not set bail or conditions of release and is not involved in the decision to modify or dismiss cases submitted to the courts. Further, the Sheriff's Office doesn't publish names of minors or victims of domestic or sexual assault.

Summary:

On 08/08/2025 at approximately 11:29 PM, a deputy on patrol in the Town of Georgia was conducting a property check of the Georgia Park and Ride. This location is known by law enforcement to be a location for drug activity. At this time, the deputy observed a grey Chevy truck to be parked with its lights on and a Dodge Durango parked next to it with the driver's side door open. The deputy approached and found a female, later identified as Jena Mays to be leaning into the Durango and a male, later identified as Travis Dashnow to be sitting in the passenger seat of the truck. The deputy also identified three juvenile children later identified to be the children of Dashnow and Mays to be in the truck.

Investigation revealed that Mays and Dashnow had driven to the Park & Ride in the truck to retrieve items from the Durango which was owned by Mays but had been left at the Park & Ride as it was inoperable due to crash damage. Investigation also revealed that the Durango had drug paraphernalia and a white substance, admitted to be "crack" in the center console. The truck that the three children were in, was found to have drug paraphernalia with a white residue inside (also believed to be crack) and that such paraphernalia was accessible by the children.

Both Dashnow and Mays were transported to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for processing. The children were released into the care of a family member after being evaluated by Fairfax Rescue. Dashnow and Mays were issued citations to appear at Vermont District Court on 08/11/2025 at 1:00 PM to answer 3 counts each of Cruelty to Children by One Over 16 and 3 counts each of Reckless Endangerment.

On 08/09/2025, urine analyses were conducted on the three children and indicated that of cocaine ("crack") was present within their systems.

It was learned that both Dashnow and Mays pleaded Not Guilty at arraignment and were released on Conditions of Release.

Additional charges to include possession of cocaine ("crack") could be forthcoming.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Vermont State Police, Milton Police Department and Fairfax Rescue.