



**Township of Medford
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News Release

CASE # 2016 - 13531 DATE: November 30, 2016 TIME: 1200

TYPE OF INCIDENT: other

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

NAME OF BUSINESS: N/A

PROPERTY TAKEN/DAMAGES: N/A

DEFENDANT/DRIVERS NAME, AGE, ADDRESS:

- D1- Richard Scott III 34 yoa male from Monroe Street in Mt. Holly**
- D2- Patricia Scott 41 yoa female from Monroe Street in Mt. Holly**
- D3- Renee Shanafelt 54 yoa female from Mockingbird Way in Tabernacle**

CHARGES/SUMMONS:

- D1- Obstruction, Driving while suspended, Unlicensed driver, Leaving the scene of an crash, Failure to report a crash, Failure to inspect vehicle**
- D2- Obstruction**
- D3- Hindering Apprehension (two counts), Resisting Arrest (NJSP)**

AMOUNT OF BAIL: 10000 SET BY: Judge Lange

10% AUTHORIZED **R.O.R.**

SUSPECTS/INJURED: NAME, AGE, ADDRESS: N/A

TYPE OF INJURY: N/A

WHERE HOSPITALIZED: None

SQUAD TRANSPORTING: None

(FOR QUESTIONS – PLEASE CONTACT
CHIEF RICHARD J. MEDER)



INVESTIGATING/ARRESTING OFFICER: *Medford Township Police*

NARRATIVE:

On November 25, 2016, at 0820, Medford Township Police and EMS responded to a motor vehicle crash on Tabernacle Road near Forest Glen Drive. Additional information was provided indicating that an adult male and adult female fled the crash carrying a baby.

The crash was serious in nature and the condition of the occupants that fled the scene was unknown. Medford Police were assisted by the New Jersey State Police, Mt. Holly Police, Lumberton Police as well as a K9 from the Evesham Police Department.

The subsequent investigation revealed that Richard Scott III was the driver of the vehicle. The vehicle was also occupied by Patricia Scott and their 17 month old baby. They fled the scene due to having suspended drivers licenses and outstanding arrest warrants.

Child Protection and Permanency was contacted and with their assistance the child was located, approximately eight hours after the crash, and received treatment at Virtua Hospital.

Richard Scott III is employed by the Diamondback Trading Post in Southampton. The owner of the Diamondback Trading Post, Renee Shanafelt, resides on Mockingbird Way and concealed the subjects in the basement of her residence. Renee Shanafelt also instructed the subjects to change their appearance by shaving facial hair and changing clothes. She also instructed Richard Scott III to send text messages to act as an alibi for his location at the time of the crash.

On November 26, 2016, Richard Scott III was charged with numerous motor vehicle violations. Richard Scott III and Patricia Scott were also charged with Obstructing the Administration of Law.

On November 30, 2016, Renee Shanafelt was charged with two counts of Hindering Apprehension. New Jersey State Police from the Red Lion Barracks arrested Shanafelt at her residence. During the arrest, Shanafelt resisted arrest and was charged additionally with Resisting Arrest.

Renee Shanafelt was transported to the Medford Township Police Administration Building where she was processed and released on \$10,000 full bail.

REQUEST A HOLD – STATE PURPOSE/REASON:

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____