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Port woman charged after her children say she hurt them

A 38-year-old Port Washington woman accused by her children of hitting them with a leather belt was charged Tuesday with felony child abuse.

The woman, who is not being named by Ozaukee Press to protect the identities of her children, faces two counts of physical abuse of a child, a crime punishable by a maximum 1-1/2 years in prison and two years extended supervision.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Ozaukee County Circuit Court, a 12-year-old boy told authorities that at about 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, his mother hit him with a leather belt on his forearm at his home.

A police officer noted a six to eight-inch mark on the boy's forearm, the complaint states.

The boy and his sister, who was 13 at the time, said their mother stopped hitting the boy after the girl intervened, according to the complaint.

The girl, who turned 14 the day after the incident, said her mother grabbed her by the hair, dragged her out of the house and forced her into a car. The girl said her mother was saying "very bad words to her," the complaint states.

The girl told police that her mother drove to Upper Lake Park in Port Washington, where she hit her with a belt, according to the complaint.

An office reported seeing an "area of slight discoloration" on the girl's right wrist, the complaint states.

According to police, the boy called his father shortly after the incident and told him his mother had hit him. The father called police.

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Judge Paul Malloy authorized the release of the woman from jail in lieu of a $1,000 signature bond. He ordered her not to have contact with her children.