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NEWS RELEASE

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On 5/10/19 at 5:49 p.m., officers of the Norfolk Police Division responded to Walmart at 2400 W Pasewalk Avenue for a female shoplifter that had left the store with a bottle of stolen alcohol. Employees provided a description of the offender and she was located at a neighboring business. Officers recognized the woman as Melinda M. Tyler, 38, of Norfolk. Tyler was carrying a large open topped purse and the bottle of alcohol was visible inside. Tyler was asked to walk to the police cruiser. Tyler refused to do so and then began to walk away from the officers. Tyler was told that she was under arrest, and to stop. Tyler refused to do so and tried to run away. Officers contacted Tyler and attempted to place her in handcuffs. Tyler refused to place her hands behind her back and struggled with the officers. While being handcuffed, Tyler also attempted to kick and spit on the officers. Tyler was placed under arrest for shoplifting, resisting arrest and trespassing. She was housed in the Norfolk City Jail and later transferred to the Madison County Jail.

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