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MEDIA RELEASE

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Incident Title: Recklessly Endangering Safety/Criminal Damage to Property

Date of Incident: 12/13/2023

Inc. Number: 23CF10370

Inc. Time: 7:44 am

Address of Incident: Irvine Park, 14 Bridgewater Av. Chippewa Falls, WI

Photos Attached: Y or N: No

Arrested Person/Suspect Description:

Ebony Renea Hudson, Female, 32 years old

Charges: 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Reckless Driving, Criminal Damage to Property, <\$2,500.

Details of Incident:

On 12/13/2023 at 7:44 am the Chippewa County Communication Center received a call reporting a vehicle was ramming into the fences and park displays at Irvine Park. While officers were responding to Irvine Park the vehicle started ramming a City Parks and Recreation vehicle that was occupied by a Parks employee. Once officers with the Chippewa Falls Police Department and the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department arrived on scene the driver of the vehicle was taken into custody without further incident. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the Chippewa County Jail following the arrest. Through the initial investigation there was no indication the driver was under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances and this appeared to be an intentional act.

During the investigation it was learned the driver of the vehicle started ramming into the wooden fence near the main entrance. A Parks employee attempted to confront the driver and blocked the main entrance so she could not leave. After damaging several sections of the wooden fence, the vehicle drove further in to the grass area and struck several displays. The Parks employee moved the truck and blocked the path of the vehicle. The vehicle struck the occupied Parks truck 4 times, head on causing moderate damage to both vehicles. Once officers arrived on scene the vehicle remained stopped and the driver complied with orders to exit the vehicle, where she was taken into custody. The driver was not cooperative with providing any information for the investigation. No injuries were reported from the Parks employee nor the driver.

This incident is still under investigation and further charges are expected to be referred to the District Attorney's Office.