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Media Release

Date: August 17, 2016	Case Number: TI16-16577
Classification: Aggravated Assault	Offense Date/Time: August 16, 2016 - 3:56 p.m.
Child Neglect	
Criminal Mischief	
Offense Location: 98th Avenue and 1st Street, Treasure Island, Florida	

On Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at approximately 3:56 p.m., Treasure Island Police Officers responded to a disturbance on 98th Avenue near 1st Street East. An investigation resulted in the arrest of 34 year old Carrie Lynn Bowling of Treasure Island. The investigation revealed the following information:

The victim stated he observed Bowling standing in her driveway yelling in his direction. The victim stated he did not know what the defendant was saying. The victim and his girlfriend got into his car which was parked near Bowling's residence. The victim stated Bowling then approached his vehicle with a knife in her right hand. The victim stated the defendant then reached into his open driver's side door window, thrusting the knife toward his chest area. The victim stated he grabbed Bowling's right arm and removed the knife from her hand. The victim stated he then got out of his vehicle and detained Bowling until police arrived on scene. The victim stated he does not know and has never had contact with Bowling. Statements provided by several witnesses on scene corroborated the victim's statement.

While Treasure Island officers were conducting their investigation, they observed Bowling's two year old child unattended and running around in the front yard of her residence which was near an active roadway. Due to Bowling's actions and arrest, officers took the child into protective custody as no other caregiver was present at the residence. The child was later turned over to the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families.

Bowling appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and was transported to a local hospital for a medical evaluation. Due to her erratic behavior, she was unable to provide a coherent statement to investigators. When Bowling was removed from the back of the police vehicle and placed into an ambulance, officers found a piece of the rear prisoner seat in her hand. Further inspection revealed Bowling intentionally ripped the seat cover, causing approximately \$100.00 in damage.

Bowling was briefly admitted to the hospital where a toxicology screen of her blood showed positive for cocaine. Bowling was charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Child Neglect and Criminal Mischief. She remains in custody at the Pinellas County Jail on a \$7,250.00 bond.