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PRESS RELEASE

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On May 16, 2024, the School Resource Officer at Spotswood Elementary School located a 2nd grade teacher that appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Further investigation revealed suspected narcotics in her classroom. The teacher was identified as Candyce Leigh Carter, 35 years of age from Spotsylvania. She was arrested for felony possession of schedule I/II narcotics, felony child endangerment, and felony child neglect or abuse. She was incarcerated under no bond at the Rappahannock Regional Jail. During this incident, Mrs. Carter's husband was found in the parking lot in a vehicle under the influence of suspected narcotics requiring medical attention. A 2-year-old child was also found in the vehicle. Kristopher Donald Carter, 34 years of age, also from Spotsylvania was arrested for felony child endangerment and felony child neglect or abuse. He was incarcerated in the Rappahannock Regional Jail under a \$5,000 bond. No students reported injuries or exposure, but were checked by medical personnel out of abundance of caution and the classroom was professionally cleaned. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by Spotsylvania Social Services and School Administration.

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