

Avery Woman Charged in Watauga Drug Counts

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Wednesday, Narcotics Detectives from the Watauga County Sheriff's Office report that they seized trafficking levels of Vicodin, a Schedule III narcotic pain medication which contains Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen, in an undercover operation. The narcotics seizure was precipitated by two undercover operations which Detectives purchased Vicodin from the suspect they identified as Selena Nicole Burlison. During the final operation, Burlison had her 4 year old daughter present while they report trafficking levels of pain medication was sold to the undercover officer. Detectives arrested Burlison following the undercover operation and while arrangements were made to have her daughter picked up.

The release says Burlison is a known affiliate of the Avery County Chapter of the Ghost Riders Motorcycle Club, with detectives saying they are aware of the club's involvement in the sale and distribution of controlled substances in Watauga and Avery County.

Selena Nicole Burlison, 35, of 7134 Hickory Nut Gap, Banner Elk, was charged with 2 counts of Trafficking Opium/Heroin by Possession, 2 counts of Trafficking Opium/Heroin by Transportation, 2 counts of Trafficking Opium/Heroin by Sell, Possession With Intent to Sell and Deliver Schedule III Controlled Substances, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, and Simple Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance. A total of 92 ½ Vicodin tablets, 6 Oxycodone tablet, and 7 Xanax tablets were seized during the operation with an estimated street value for all seized illegal prescription medication is approximately \$800. Burlison was taken to the Watauga County Detention Facility and set a \$75,000 secured bond, scheduled to appear in District Court on May 16th.