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## **Woman Allegedly Abducts Granddaughter from School; Attempts Murder-Suicide in North Carolina**

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(Christiansburg, Virginia)-

UPDATE (4:45 p.m. Thursday): Lynch has been released from the medical facility and is currently being transported to Forsythe County Law Enforcement Detention Center in North Carolina. The charges against Ms. Lynch have also been amended. They are now:

Two (2) counts of attempted first degree murder

One (1) count of first degree kidnapping

One (1) count of felony child abuse

No additional information is available at this time.

### ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE:

A Christiansburg woman and her granddaughter are both currently hospitalized in North Carolina after police say the woman allegedly abducted the five-year-old from school, transported her to Winston-Salem, and harmed her in a failed murder-suicide attempt.

Angela Terri Lynch, 43, allegedly checked the girl out from Falling Branch Elementary School in Christiansburg mid-Wednesday morning and disappeared.

Lynch was on the school's approved pickup list for the girl, though police say the child's mother did not know she planned to pick up the child during the school day.

Both were reported missing to the Christiansburg Police Department around 10:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Working the case as a possible abduction, Christiansburg Police entered the missing persons information into the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Christiansburg investigators were coordinating with Virginia State Police and completing the necessary steps to issue an Amber Alert when they were contacted by the Winston-Salem Police Department regarding the case.

Investigators say that housekeeping staff at a Hampton Inn and Suites in Winston-Salem found Lynch and the child when entering a room for routine cleaning this morning.

Both Lynch and the child were semi-conscious and in need of immediate medical treatment.

Police believe the child's injuries were inflicted by Lynch in an attempt to take her life. Lynch was suffering from similar self-inflicted injuries, as well as the effects of an undetermined amount of medication.

Lynch and the child were transported to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Both are listed in stable condition at this time.

No information is being released regarding a possible motive.

Lynch currently has warrants against her in Winston-Salem for attempted first degree murder, first degree kidnapping, and three (3) counts of felony child abuse. Service of the warrants is pending Lynch's release from the medical facility. Additional charges against Lynch are pending in Christiansburg.

Search warrants for locations in Christiansburg and Winston-Salem are also being obtained.

The victim is not being identified because she is a juvenile. Child Protective Services is assisting with the case.

The Christiansburg Police Department is working with the Winston-Salem Police Department on the case. No additional information is available at this time.

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Note: A list of Christiansburg's charges against Lynch will be sent via press release once they are filed. Additional information related to the case will also be sent via press release as it becomes available.

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