

# CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Monday 10/12/2020:**

On Sunday October 11, 2020 at approximately 2215 hours, Desert Hot Springs Police Officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in progress at a business in the 13700 block of Palm Drive. The victim advised 911 dispatchers that a 1-year-old child was in a car seat in the back of the vehicle when it was stolen by a female suspect. Numerous DHSPD units responded to the area and began attempting to locate the vehicle. Officers from Palm Springs PD, Cathedral City PD, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and a California Highway Patrol Helicopter assisted in searching DHS and surrounding areas for the vehicle. An AMBER alert was broadcast seeking the assistance of the public. Approximately three hours later, a person walking in the area of the 67500 block of Ramon Road in Cathedral City, observed a vehicle parked in an open field and noticed the vehicle was the one listed in the AMBER alert. She also noted the child was still inside. She removed the child from the vehicle and called 911. Cathedral City Police and Fire units responded to the scene along with DHSPD Patrol Units and Detectives. The child was found unharmed and the vehicle was recovered. Palm Springs Police Officers on patrol in the area near the city border located and detained the female suspect nearby and she was taken into custody by DHSPD officers. **Yadira Flores (31)** of Desert Hot Springs was subsequently arrested and booked into the Riverside County Jail in Indio and held on \$100,000 bail for violations of Penal Code 207 – Kidnapping, 666.5 - Auto Theft W/Priors, 273D(a) – Wilful Cruelty to a Child, and 1203.2 – Felony Probation Violation.

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Anyone wishing to provide additional information on this case should contact Sgt. Christopher Saucier with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department at (760) 329-2904 ext. 382 or the Watch Commander, (760) 329-2904 ext. 302. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.



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