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Case No. 16-16382

On August 29, 2016, the Portage Department of Public Safety arrested 37-year-old Carolyn Kay Sharpe of Portage after her 14-year-old daughter reported that she had been assaulted by her mother.

The daughter informed officers that her mother had struck her in the head several times and had choked her. The mother was preventing the daughter from leaving, but the daughter eventually was able to escape and contact a friend. The friend transported the victim to the Portage Department of Public Safety. After arriving at the public safety department, the victim was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, where she was treated for her injuries and released.

On August 30, 2016, Carolyn Sharpe was arraigned on the following charges: Assault by Strangulation, Child Abuse 3rd Degree, and Assault & Battery. Sharpe has been released from jail.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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