

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<b>Subject:</b>	UPDATE: Westerville Police Charge Woman on Report of Attempted Assault at COTA Bus Stop		
<b>Releasing Officer:</b>	Lt. Ron McMillin		
<b>Date:</b>	October 29, 2014		
<b>Press Release Log:</b>	<b>14-022 (Update to 14-021)</b>	<b>Report #:</b>	14-28307

(Westerville, OH) – Westerville Police have charged Jonai Iman Patrick, 18, of Columbus with Making False Alarms based on her October 23 report of an attempted assault/abduction at a Westerville COTA bus stop.

Investigators reviewed video and interviewed witnesses but were unable to substantiate Patrick's report. There was no one fitting the description of the alleged suspect on the bus. Patrick was interviewed and admitted making up the story.

Patrick originally claimed to have been touched and later grabbed by a man on the northbound COTA bus route on Cleveland Ave. She said she was followed off the bus and used pepper spray to escape. According to Patrick's report, the man then fled on foot on the northside of the roadway at Cleveland and Schrock Roads. Westerville Police searched the area and made a public inquiry for the suspect matching Patrick's description.

Patrick was booked and released today at the Westerville Division of Police.

For more information on the Westerville Division of Police, please visit [www.westerville.org/police](http://www.westerville.org/police).

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