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On June 5, 2008 at approximately 12:30PM a van from Office of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities (OMRDD) carrying 5 "clients" and 4 staff members stopped at a local McDonald's restaurant to get lunch. One of the workers had a salad knocked out of her hand by the victim, who has autism, non-verbal and is blind. At that time it is alleged that Christina Brandon, a worker for O.D. Heck, punched the victim in the chest and stated, "you spilled my f----- salad". The victim began to rock back and forth rapidly and reached out to the aide but the aide allegedly forcefully wrestled down and flung the arm on the victims lap.

The other workers are being charged with endangering because they are required to report the incident to the proper authorities immediately but did nothing.

ARRESTED:

Christina Brandon (46)

5th Avenue

Troy, NY

Charge: Assault 3rd and Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person.

Dranae Washington (37)

Elm Street

Schenectady, NY

Charge: Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person.

Natalie Richardson (49)

Swan Street

Schenectady, NY

Charge: Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person.

Sharon Butler (48) (Not Arrested Yet will turn self in 6/18/08)

Park Place

Schenectady, NY

Charge: Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person.

This investigation was conducted by the Mechanicville Police Department, Attorney General's Office, and Inspector General's Office and with full cooperation from OMRDD. The Inspector General's Office still has an open case and will continue their investigation.