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**DJJ TRANSPORTATION OFFICER ARRESTED IN ALBANY -
DISMISSED FOR MISCONDUCT & MISDEMEANOR CHARGES**

(Dougherty County - GA) Commissioner Avery D. Niles of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice reports that former Juvenile Transportation Officer (JTO) Belinda Pfalzgraff has been arrested by City of Albany Police Officers on charges of misdemeanor shoplifting. No DJJ youth were under her supervision at the time of the alleged incident.

Forty-four year old officer Belinda J. Pfalzgraff of Blakely, Georgia was taken into custody and booked into the Dougherty County Jail. The Department of Juvenile Justice initiated immediate administrative action following the arrest and dismissed Pfalzgraff on charges of Employee Misconduct.

Commissioner Niles said "DJJ continues to cooperate with local prosecuting authorities and regardless of employee seniority, rank or position, those who violate our laws or policies will face serious consequences. Our stance on Department transparency and the consistent application of DJJ standards will continue to ensure youth in our care are treated appropriately, by a professional staff, in a safe and secure environment."

DJJ DISCLAIMER: "Information regarding this arrest is public record and was obtained from area law enforcement agencies. All suspects are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law."

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