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Woman Arraigned for Torturing Elderly Woman

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, 40 year-old Laura Tisdelle of Sterling Heights was arraigned in connection with the torture and abuse of her boyfriend's elderly mother.

It is alleged that on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, Tisdelle's boyfriend returned home after a five day trip, and discovered his 80 year-old mother with her hands tied together, restrained to the bed, severely beaten and laying in her own urine and feces. During the five day trip, Laura Tisdelle was the sole caregiver for the victim in her Sterling Heights home. The victim is currently in critical condition at a local hospital.

Tisdelle was charged by the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office Senior Crimes Unit with Torture (life felony), Vulnerable Adult Abuse in the First Degree (15 year felony), Unlawful Imprisonment (15 year felony), and Domestic Violence 3rd (five year felony).

Tisdelle was arraigned in 41A Sterling Heights District Court in front of District Court Judge Kimberley Weigand where bond was set at \$200,000.00 cash/surety and the defendant is to have no contact with the victim. Upon release the defendant must wear a GPS and alcohol tether. Tisdelle was referred to Community Corrections for substance abuse and a mental health evaluation. A probable cause hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 1:00 pm and the preliminary exam is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 8:30 am in the 41A Sterling Heights District Court.

"The torture and abuse allegedly inflicted upon a defenseless, elderly woman is a grim testament to the darkest corners of our society. It is my solemn duty to prosecute these heinous acts. We will ensure that the victim's voice is heard, her pain acknowledged, and her perpetrator held accountable," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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