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## Md. mom falsely claims child abduction to get faster police response

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**USPA News** - A Maryland mother was arrested and charged Sunday after she falsely claimed her three children were abducted in the hopes of obtaining a faster police response to investigate the theft of her car near Washington, D.C., police said on Monday. The incident happened just before 11 p.m. local time on Sunday when 33-year-old Deborah Fashakin, of Capitol Heights, was pumping gas at the Liberty Gas Station in Seat Pleasant, a city just east of the nation's capital in Prince George's County.

An unidentified man then jumped into her Nissan Altima and drove away. "Fashakin reported that her children were inside her stolen car in order to obtain a faster police response after her car had been stolen," police said on Monday. The spokesperson added that the vehicle was later found empty and three children, ages 1, 3, and 5, were all accounted-for at an undisclosed location. The false report sparked a large emergency response and the issuing of a statewide Amber Alert even though the region was preparing for Hurricane Sandy. Fashakin was charged Monday with making a false report to a law enforcement officer, which carries a penalty of up to six months in jail and a \$ 5,000 fine. The woman is being held on a \$5,000 bond.

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