

12-year-old girl violates court order after release

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The 12-year-old girl who took her grandmother's car on a high speed police chase is back in detention. Montgomery County Attorney J D Lambright said the girl allegedly violated a court order, which her uncle reported, as required by the court. "She did not follow court orders," Lambright said. "The care givers did follow court orders and turned her in."

In the third detention hearing on July 19, County Court at Law No. 1 Judge Dennis Watson decided to release the juvenile into her paternal uncle's custody under specific conditions. While living with her uncle, the girl could not operate a motorized vehicle, including riding lawn mowers and boats, and the judge prohibited her from breaking any laws, no matter how minor, Lambright said after the hearing.

The conditions set forth by the judge also required 24-hour supervision, frequent drug tests, and she must obey her uncle's rules, according to the girl's court appointed attorney Chris Allen on July 19. Moving forward, the girl will face the judge again for her fourth detention hearing within the next two weeks. Her anticipated court date is also expected to be this month when she will answer to her charges.

According to the Conroe Police Department, the juvenile driver originally was arrested by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for theft of property over \$30,000, which is a third-degree felony. The prosecution has since filed a petition for felony unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, felony evading arrest and dangerous conduct due to the severity of the crime and to discourage others from doing the same.

The Chase

On June 30, the girl allegedly damaged at least two vehicles in the 10-minute pursuit, with her seven-year-old sister, topping speeds at 111 mph down Texas 105 to Montgomery in her grandmother's car.

The prosecution considered her age, the speed of the chase, the fact that she had her sister, who has also been removed from the home due to alleged substance abuse, and the time of day into consideration. The chase, Lambright said, stretched from Conroe to Montgomery.

After spending the Fourth of July weekend in juvenile detention, the girl had her first hearing, which included a dash cam video of her chase. The prosecution recommended an extended stay during the first hearing on July 5, which the judge ordered.