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13 YEAR OLD STABBED BY STEP-SISTER WHILE SLEEPING

New Bedford, Massachusetts – A (13) year old girl is recovering after being stabbed by her (20) year old step-sister while sleeping last night around 11:25 PM at 102 Mosher Street.

The New Bedford Police Communications Center received a 911 call last night at 11:27 PM that there was a medical emergency involving a young girl at 102 Mosher Street. When the first responding patrol officers arrived, they were directed to a bedroom where the (13) year old girl had been stabbed. The (13) year old girl was bleeding from the head and torso, but she was conscious and alert. While patrol officers and emergency personnel tended to her medical needs, other patrol officers assisted the victim's step-father (*hereinafter*, "the father").

The officers observed the father restraining a woman who was later identified as his (20) year old biological daughter, Sheila DEPINA. Apparently, the father was awakened by screaming coming from his daughters' bedroom. When he investigated the screaming further, he determined that Sheila DEPINA had stabbed her (13) year old step-sister while she was sleeping. The father immediately called 911 for help after which time Sheila DEPINA attacked him, as he was near his stabbed step-daughter, with a frying pan. The father was forced to tackle his daughter, Sheila DEPINA, and was restraining her until the police arrived on scene.

Patrol officers took Sheila DEPINA into custody and processed the apartment as a crime scene, seizing bloody clothes and (2) knives from the scene, at least one of which is suspected as the weapon used in the attack. The (13) year old female was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries. She was later transported to Hasbro Children's Hospital in Rhode Island where she was further treated and released late this morning.

Sheila DEPINA was taken to New Bedford Police Headquarters and charged with: (1) Assault With Intent To Murder; and, (2) Assault and Battery By Means Of A Dangerous Weapon. She was later transported to the Bristol County Ash Street Jail for detention and will be arraigned this afternoon in New Bedford 3rd District Court on the above charges.

The above facts demonstrate that violent acts can happen in the home just as easily as they can on the street, but the quick response by the family and arriving public safety personnel prevented a serious situation from turning deadly. As always, the New Bedford Police Department encourages anyone with any information regarding this or any other crime to contact us either on our **Tip Line** at **508.961.4584** or via our **website** at <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/>



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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number:

268929

Name: **DEPINA, SHEILA**



Race: BLACK

DOB: 02/14/1987

Age: 20

Sex: FEMALE

Eyes: BROWN

Hair: BROWN

Height: 70 INCHES

Weight: 170 LBS



Last known Address: 15 ORCHARD AVE

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