

Dickinson Police

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On May 23, 2005, Dickinson Police Detectives arrested Theresa Denise Simmons (aka Theresa Denise Primm), 40 year old female. Simmons was arrested in Natchitoches, Louisiana, on two counts of interfering with child custody.

In May 1998, the biological father was awarded custody of the children by the Family Court in Galveston County. Simmons refused to follow the court orders and kept the children from the father and hid the whereabouts of the children and herself.

Dickinson Police Department opened an investigation in August 1998. In early 2005, detectives were able to develop information leading them to believe Simmons and the two children were living in Louisiana. Detectives contacted Louisiana State Police Investigators and requested their assistance. In April, 2005, Simmons was indicted by a Galveston County Grand Jury on two counts of interfering with child custody. Louisiana State Police were able to develop further information and identified one of the children as attending high school in Louisiana. Dickinson Detectives traveled to Louisiana and met with Louisiana State Police Detectives. The female child was located and recovered and Simmons was taken into custody. Simmons waived extradition to Texas and Dickinson Detectives returned to her to Galveston County on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. The female child was released to the custody of the father by detectives. Detectives have developed information indicating the male child is living in Texas with relatives and expect to make contact with him in the next few days.

Interference with Child Custody is a state jail felony punishable by confinement in a state jail facility for any term not more than two years or less than 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Simmons was booked into the Dickinson Jail and later transferred to Galveston County Jail on bonds totaling \$20,000.00.

