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## **Glendale Police Arrest Female Suspect Wanted in Valley Cell Phone Robberies**

**GLENDALE, AZ.** – On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, detectives identified the female suspect wanted in several cell phone store armed robberies as 39-year-old Sarharina Bernard and were in the process of locating her. At approximately 7:15PM, patrol was dispatched to a cell phone store at 59<sup>th</sup> Ave and Olive, for an armed robbery with a suspect description matching Bernard. The female fled the scene and patrol located an unoccupied suspect vehicle near 7700 N 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. When the vehicle attempted to leave the apartment complex it was stopped by officers and Bernard was taken into custody without incident. Bernard was positively identified as the suspect in four cell phone armed robberies in the city of Glendale, and additional in other valley cities.

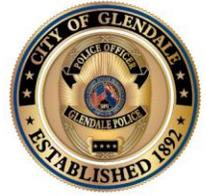
Investigation revealed that Bernard had committed several robberies of cell phone stores in the valley since December 2020. She would enter the store and pretend to open an account; towards the end of the transaction she would threaten to shoot the store employee demanding cash and phones. In one incident, she took the employee into a back storeroom and physically assaulted the victim not allowing her to leave and holding the victim against her will.

On March 10, 2021, Bernard was booked by Glendale detectives on four counts of armed robbery, one count of kidnapping, one count of unlawful imprisonment, one count of aggravated assault, and one count of misdemeanor assault. A photo has been included below of Bernard.



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*Suspect: Sarharina Bernard (39yo)*

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