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### **Wisconsin Woman Arrested for DUI and Felony Child Neglect**

**Kanawha County, WV** – Deputies arrested a Wisconsin woman late last night following a call reporting that she was nodding off in her vehicle at the Cross Lanes Taco Bell.

Deputies arrived shortly after 11:00 p.m. and found the 40-year-old woman slumped over the center console, unresponsive. After multiple attempts to wake her, deputies entered the vehicle and discovered multiple cans of IPA beer scattered across the console. More alarmingly, deputies found **five minor children** inside the vehicle, ranging in age from **2 months to 6 years old**.

The investigating deputy reported that the **2-month-old infant was not secured in a car seat**, crying hysterically, and dangerously close to falling out. The deputy further noted that the rear floorboard was in such disarray with trash that if the infant had fallen, she could have **suffocated**. The other children were found wearing soiled diapers and urine-covered clothing, indicating severe neglect.

When deputies successfully woke the driver, they observed that she **smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and was unable to provide her name or date of birth**. She was also unable to walk without assistance. The driver was identified as **Nicole M. Coyne of Brookfield, Wisconsin**. She refused to cooperate with deputies in conducting a DUI investigation or submitting to any required field or chemical tests.

Coyne was placed under arrest and charged with:

- ◆ **Five counts of misdemeanor DUI with a minor**
- ◆ **Five counts of felony child neglect, creating a risk of serious bodily injury**

She is currently detained at **South Central Regional Jail** on a **\$5000.00 Surety/Cash Bond** that was set after her initial appearance before a **Kanawha County Magistrate**.



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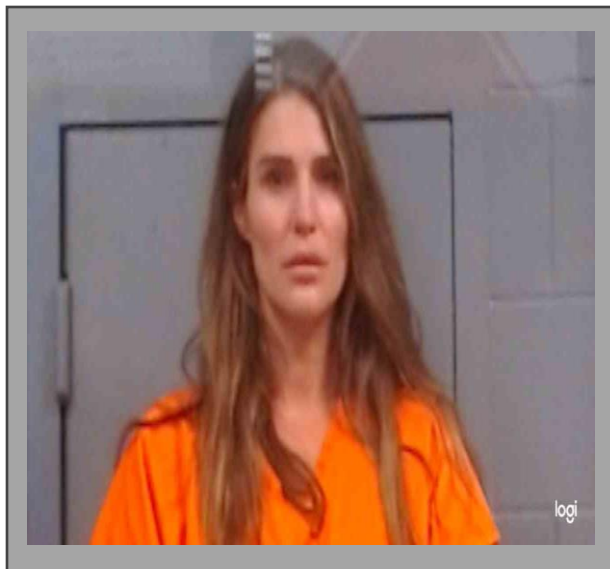
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The **Kanawha County Sheriff's Office** commends **Sergeant S.M. Adams** for her swift response to the suspicious vehicle/driver complaint. Her decisive action likely prevented a tragic outcome.

The KCSO takes **driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs very seriously**, with a firm commitment to protecting **innocent children, residents, and visitors** in Kanawha County.

To report suspected DUI drivers, **call 9-1-1**. If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol or drug addiction, please reach out to our **KCSO Victim Service Advocates** for free resources and counseling information.

**### END ###**



### **Nicole M. Coyne**

**40 years old**  
**Wisconsin resident.**

[Photo courtesy of South-Central Regional Jail, inmate search]



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