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Woman Arrested at Wal-Mart During Black Friday Shopping

A Pensacola woman was arrested on Thanksgiving when she refused to leave Wal-Mart after an argument with other shoppers over the purchase of a cell phone. Antonia Angelena Bennett, pictured below, was charged with Trespassing, Resisting Arrest without Violence and Disturbing the Peace.

According to the arrest report, several shoppers were waiting in line to purchase a cell phone that didn't go on sale until 10:00 p.m. Bennett walked up and took one of the phones in front of everyone else and walked away with it. Other customers said something to her and an argument ensued. Deputies were notified and escorted Bennett to the front of the store. After trying to diffuse the situation, Bennett was asked to leave several times but refused. Bennett became irate and began yelling at the deputies. Bennett was warned several times to calm down and leave or she would be placed under arrest. She still refused, at which time deputies attempted to place her in handcuffs. Bennett grabbed her shopping cart refusing to cooperate. Deputies had to pry her hands loose from the shopping cart at which time she began to twist and turn her body in an attempt to defeat the deputies from handcuffing her. After a brief struggle, they were finally able to get her handcuffed and in a patrol car.



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Bennett was transported to the Escambia County Jail and placed under a \$1500.00 bond.

Bennett's infant child was in the shopping cart that she had grabbed on to. The child was attended to by deputies and Wal-Mart employees until the father could arrive and take custody of the child. The child was not injured during the incident.

The video of the incident is available to the media. Please contact Sgt. Mike Ward to get a copy of it.



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