

Cheektowaga's Deer Lady arrested following disturbance

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Mug shot of Anita Depczynski. (ECSO)

CHEEKTOWAGA – The town resident who gained notoriety in the early 2000's for defying authorities by feeding deer in Stiglmeier Park has been confined to the Erie County Holding Center for the past two weeks after she was arrested by Cheektowaga Police.

Anita Depczynski, 78, also known as Cheektowaga's Deer Lady, was arrested by town police officers May 1st after they responded to a disturbance between Ms. Depczynski and her son on Randy Way according to police records.

A neighbor called 911 around 6:49 pm to report the disturbance. She told dispatchers that Ms. Depczynski and her son were outside yelling at each other. The son was telling Ms. Depczynski to leave.

The Cheektowaga Justice Court tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that Ms. Depczynski was charged with Stalking in the Fourth Degree and Harassment as a result of the disturbance.

A voicemail left for her attorney Tuesday morning was not immediately returned at the time of publication Tuesday afternoon.

Ms. Depczynski gained her Deer Lady persona after several arrests and [protracted court battles](#) for feeding deer in Stiglmeier Park in the early 2000's.

Sources say the May 1st disturbance is not an isolated incident. She is being held at the holding center downtown on \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in town court on May 17th.