

Atlantic City Couple Charged with Endangering the Welfare of Their Teenage Daughter

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – On Monday, April 15, 2024, Marty Small, Sr., 50, and his wife, La'Quetta Small, 47, of Atlantic City, NJ were both charged with second-degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Marty Small, Sr. was additionally charged with third-degree Terroristic Threats, third-degree Aggravated Assault, and disorderly persons Simple Assault. La'Quetta Small was additionally charged with three separate counts of disorderly persons Simple Assault. The charges were placed on summonses for both defendants.

It is alleged that during the months of December 2023 and January 2024, the defendants physically and emotionally abused their 15/16-year-old-daughter on multiple occasions.

During one incident, Marty Small, Sr. is alleged to have hit his daughter multiple times in the head with a broom causing her to lose consciousness. Another incident alleged that Marty Small, Sr., during an argument with his daughter, continuously threatened to hurt her by "earth slamming" her down the stairs, grabbing her head and throwing her to the ground, and smacking the weave out of her head. Another incident involved Marty Small, Sr. punching his daughter repeatedly in her legs causing bruising.

It is alleged that La'Quetta Small, during one incident, punched her daughter multiple times on her chest leaving bruising. Another incident alleged that La'Quetta Small dragged her daughter by her hair then struck her with a belt on her shoulders leaving marks. Another incident alleged that La'Quetta Small punched her daughter in the mouth during an argument.

These incidents were investigated by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office's Special Victims Unit.

***** These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. *****

Anyone with information about this incident or other serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office's Website at ACPO.Tips and provide information by filling out a form anonymously.

Any concerned person can report suspicions of child abuse or neglect by calling their local police department or call the Child Abuse Hotline at (877) NJ-ABUSE / (877) 652-2873 / TTY: (800) 835-5510.

Crime Stoppers: People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.

