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BIRMINGHAM BRIDAL OWNER CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING CUSTOMERS

BIRMINGHAM, MI. – The Birmingham Police Department received reports of customers who paid thousands of dollars to Birmingham Bridal for designer wedding dresses, only to never receive the dresses or refunds. Customers received various excuses from the owner and were forced to place rush orders elsewhere to receive dresses in time for their weddings. Birmingham Bridal abruptly closed in June of 2023.

Detectives conducted an extensive investigation, uncovering that the business was struggling and the owner was using funds from new orders to pay for older orders. Further investigation revealed the owner had a gambling habit and admitted she was trying to win back enough money to pay for the dress orders. In total, victims were defrauded of approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000.

Criminal charges were sought for the owner of Birmingham Bridal, Nadica Ristivojevic, a 58-year-old female from West Bloomfield. On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant for nine counts of False Pretenses - \$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000—one count for each victim.

On Friday, September 8, 2023, Ristivojevic was arrested on the warrant and arraigned at the 48th District Court in front of Magistrate Julie Nelson-Klein, who issued a \$750,000 cash/surety bond. Following arraignment, Ristivojevic was held in the Oakland County Jail.

The Birmingham Police Department recognizes Detective Rebekah Springer for her outstanding work that brought justice to the victims in this case. Any other victims defrauded by Birmingham Bridal may contact Detective Springer at 248-530-1895.

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