Woman arrested for child desertion

Tuesday, September 29, 2009
Caddo deputies have arrested the mother of a 4-year-old boy who was found walking by himself on Highway One this morning.

The boy was spotted around 10 a.m. by a motorist who was concerned for his safety and stopped to check on him. The motorist then called the Sheriffâ€™s Office to report the incident.

The child told deputies that he left his apartment at the North Forty Apartments about a half-mile away because he was hungry and that he was headed to a convenience store for a chocolate bar. He then planned to go to McDonaldâ€™s. He said his mother was at home asleep, but he could not wake her up.

Deputies interviewed the childâ€™s mother, Casandre Rose, who said she had worked a night shift and taken medicine upon returning home this morning. She could not remember whether she had locked the door to the apartment. She also said she had purchased a child-proof lock for the door but had never installed it.

Sheriffâ€™s Detective Jackie Winston arrested Rose, 27, and charged her with child desertion. Child desertion includes the criminally negligent exposure of a child under 10 to a hazardous or dangerous situation.