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Child Psychiatrist Arrested After Allegedly Trying to Abduct 2 Children

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Authorities in Florida have arrested a child psychiatrist from Wisconsin who allegedly attempted to abduct two children at a North Naples beach after attacking them and a sibling.

Kimberly Hammes Frank, 47, of Mequon, Wis., was [arrested](#) by deputies from the Collier County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday and charged with three third-degree felony counts of child abuse without great harm.

According to a department spokeswoman, Frank remains incarcerated in the Collier County Jail today on a \$30,000 bond.

The incident that precipitated Frank's arrest [occurred](#) Wednesday afternoon at Clam Patch Beach. Police received a 911 call from a man who said Frank had attacked his three children while they were playing in the water with their mother.

Upon arrival at the scene, the deputies were approached by the caller, who informed them that he was seated on the beach when he heard his wife yell for help. The man said he looked up to see Frank with her hands on his 4-year-old son and his 9-year-old daughter. His 8-year-old son was running from the water screaming for help, the man said.

When the children's father ran to their aid, he had to physically pry the woman's fingers off his children, who, according to police, "suffered scratches to their arms, neck [and] shoulder."

"According to the mother of the children, Kim Frank approached her kids in the water and grabbed them by their arms while screaming, 'These are my kids, Mattie and Meredith,'" the arresting deputy, Cpl. Chris Jordan, wrote in the arrest report.



Collier County Sheriff's Office
Police arrested Wisconsin child psychiatrist Kimberly Hammes Frank and charged her with attacking three children at a Florida beach.

The children's mother said she attempted to reason with Frank, telling her the kids were not hers, but she did not respond.

After taking statements from the victims and a female

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witness who was on the beach at the time of the alleged incident, deputies located Frank on the north side of the beach. She was arrested and transported to a police substation, where authorities say she "refused to be interviewed."

Court records indicate Franks is a divorced child psychiatrist with family living in Naples Beach. A phone

number listed as her mother's has been disconnected, and AOL News has been unable to find contact information for any other family members.

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