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JCSO Arrests Suspect for Shoplifting and Assaulting a Deputy

JASPER COUNTY, S.C. – On February 1, 2025, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office arrested Yira Fonseca, 27, on multiple charges following an incident at Walmart on Nickel Plate Road in Hardeeville.

Deputies responded to a report of shoplifting at the store, and upon making contact with the suspect, Fonseca attempted to flee on foot. During the apprehension, Fonseca assaulted a deputy. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with shoplifting and assaulting an officer engaged in serving process.

Sheriff Chris Malphrus emphasized the department's commitment to ensuring the safety of its deputies and the community.

"Any assault on a deputy is an assault on the safety of our community. We will not tolerate attacks on those who put their lives on the line to protect others, and we will pursue the maximum penalties allowed by law," said Sheriff Malphrus.

Fonseca was transported to the Jasper County Detention Center, where they await further legal proceedings.

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