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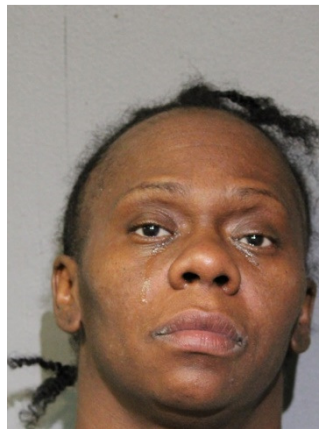
Chicago Police Department

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For Immediate Release
July 6, 2025

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Offender Charged with Murder, Attempt Murder, and Arson



Offender: Wendy Tolbert, 45
3600 block of W. Palmer St.
Chicago, Illinois

Charges: One (1) felony count – Murder - First Degree
Two (2) felony counts – Attempt - Murder - First Degree
Six (6) felony counts – Arson - Aggravated Arson/Know Person Present
Two (2) felony counts – Agg Battery/Great Bodily Harm
Two (2) felony counts – Agg Battery/Use Deadly Weapon
One (1) felony count – Agg Brty/Chiul < 13/Grt Bod Harm

Court: Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – July 6, 2025

Narrative: The above offender was arrested by members of the Chicago Police Department on July 4, 2025, in the 3600 block of W. Palmer St. at 9:34 a.m. She was identified as the offender who less than thirty minutes earlier fatally stabbed a 4-year-old male with a knife, critically injured a 13-year-old female, and a 10-year-old male. She was also identified as the offender who knowingly committed an arson when people were present in the 3600 block of W. Palmer St. (25th District). The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

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