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Johnston Police Make Child Endangerment Arrest

JOHNSTON, Iowa – On September 28, 2017 the Johnston Police Department arrested and charged 30-year-old Johnston resident Erin Lee Macke with four (4) counts of child endangerment and one (1) count of making a firearm available to a person under the age of 21.

On September 21, 2017 the Johnston Police were called to Macke's residence to conduct a welfare check after receiving a report that young children had been left alone in the residence. Police arrived and found Macke's four children, ages 12, 12, 7 and 6, alone in the residence. Upon further investigation, it was determined Macke had left the country on September 20, 2017 in route to Germany and was not scheduled to return home until October 1, 2017. Investigators confirmed Macke had made no arrangements to provide supervision or care of the children while she was away. The Johnston Police Department notified the Department of Human Services who took custody of the children. Investigators were able to make phone contact with Macke in Germany and ordered her to return home. Macke returned home on September 28, 2017 and was taken into custody and transported to the Polk County jail on the described charges. Macke's children have since been placed in the temporary custody of extended family members.

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