

Sheriff: Council member bites jailer, breaks bone

(KAIR)--A Huron City Council member, arrested last month following an alleged altercation with law enforcement, is accused of another attack, this time requiring hospitalized treatment for a corrections officer.

When deputies attempted to arrest 48-year-old Carol Fowler June 30 on a warrant for failure to appear in court, she allegedly refused to cooperate, leading to the use of tasers to bring her under control.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News that on July 2, Fowler refused to cooperate with jail staff as they attempted to complete the booking process from her June 30 arrest.

Laurie said jail staff was forced to begin removing jewelry and other personal items belonging to Fowler, and when they did, she bit a corrections officer on the thumb. "They had five officers in there and it was a struggle for all of them to get her to comply. She was able to get a hold of one of the corrections officer's thumbs with her teeth and actually broke the bone in his thumb. He is back to work, some ongoing medical treatment with that. He was treated at the hospital and County protocol was followed."

Fowler is expected to be charged with battery on a law enforcement officer in connection with the alleged attack.

According to the office of Atchison County Attorney Jerry Kuckelman, Fowler, in connection with the June 30 altercation, has been charged with two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer. One of the counts is a felony due to resulting injuries.

The second count is a misdemeanor.

Fowler is also facing one count of interference with a law enforcement officer for resisting arrest June 30.

Her next court appearance is scheduled for Friday.

According to Atchison County election documents, Fowler was elected to the Huron City Council in November, 2017.