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Suspect Arrested in Montana for Attempted Murder/Kidnapping at Zodo's

Goleta, Calif. – On Sunday, December 8, 2019 at approximately 9:30 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to the parking lot of Zodo's Bowling and Beyond on a report of a fight. When they arrived, they found the victim in the parking lot with severe injuries to her head and face. The victim was at Zodo's Bowling and Beyond as a contractor providing court ordered supervision between Theresa Colosi and her 12-year-old son.

During the visitation, Colosi began to act suspicious while walking with her son, which caught the victim's attention. Colosi then swung a metal object at the victim, hitting her in the head several times. The victim told the child to run into Zodo's for help. Colosi began to follow the child, but then ran to her vehicle and fled the area. Bystanders immediately called 9-1-1.

A detective working overtime on patrol was one of the initial responding units and immediately began an investigation. Through the investigation, detectives learned that Colosi had chartered a private jet that departed Lompoc Airport at around 10:48 a.m. to Glacier International Airport in Montana. Detectives also learned that prior to the incident at Zodo's Colosi gave away her belongings, withdrew \$900,000 from her bank account, and chartered the flight with fictitious names for herself, her son, and her dog.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Detectives authored a Ramey warrant for Colosi's arrest and coordinated with Law Enforcement in Whitefish, Montana who conducted surveillance on her suspected hideout location. This morning, at approximately 500 hours, Whitefish Detectives witnessed Colosi exit the location and get into a cab. Whitefish Detectives conducted a high-risk stop of the cab and arrested Colosi. She is currently being held without bail at Flathead County Detention Center awaiting extradition to Santa Barbara for charges of attempted murder and attempted child kidnapping. The identities of the victims are not being released.



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