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JUVENILE CARE FACILITY WORKER CHARGED FOR ALLEGEDLY CHOKING STUDENT

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A worker at a juvenile mental health facility faces criminal charges for allegedly choking a child who was a student at the facility.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 35-year-old **Jacquetta D. Hill** with the offenses of:

- Aggravated battery, Class 3 felony, 3 counts
- Battery, Class A misdemeanor
- Child endangerment, Class A misdemeanor

Kane County prosecutors allege that on Oct. 19, 2019, Hill placed her hands around the victim's neck and applied pressure, impeding his breathing. The alleged crime took place at Northern Illinois Academy in Aurora, where Hill is on staff. The victim is a special needs student at the school and is younger than 13 years old. The academy is a mental health residential treatment facility for juveniles.

A Kane County judge on Jan. 10, 2020, issued a warrant for Hill's arrest and set her bail at \$7,500, with 10 percent (\$750) to apply for bond.

Hill surrendered Jan. 17, 2020, at the Aurora Police Department, posted \$750 bond and was released. Her next court date is set for 9 a.m. Jan. 28, 2020, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

If convicted, Hill faces a sentence of between 2 and 5 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections, or probation.

In addition, Hill must register as a violent offender against youth in accordance with the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

The charges against Hill are not proof of guilt. Hill is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Jacquetta D. Hill: Age 35 (d.o.b. 6-16-1984), of the 1200 block of Willow Way, Yorkville, Illinois. Case No. 20CF63.