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Alpena Woman Arrested for First Degree Retail Fraud

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ALPENA COUNTY, MI. On Friday, July 1, 2022, a trooper from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Alpena Post was called to the Wal-Mart store on M-32 to take a report of retail fraud. An associate from loss prevention observed a woman using the self-checkout who was skipping items and not paying for them. He confronted the woman as she was leaving. The woman, identified as 34-year-old TeddyJo Marie Fliam from Alpena, became agitated and denied any wrongdoing as she left the store. The associate began reviewing self-checkout surveillance. He documented over \$1,000 of merchandise not scanned at the self-checkout by Fliam since April 2022.

A report was submitted to the Alpena County Prosecutor's Office and an arrest warrant was authorized on September 23, 2022. Fliam was arrested at her residence on September 29th and lodged in the Alpena County Jail.

Fliam was arraigned yesterday in the 88th District Court of Alpena for one count First Degree Retail Fraud.