

Deputy quits after wife takes patrol car

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LAKELAND, Fla. -- A Polk County, Fla., deputy with 21 years service resigned after his wife, a convicted felon, took his patrol car for a spin, sheriff's officials said.

Deputy Charles Buckner, 44, turned in his badge after his wife, Gail Buckner, 38, allegedly used the car for a joy ride in Lakeland with her mother, Sharon Cooper, 54, and a friend, Alexander James Quintasket, 19, also a convicted a felon, The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel reported Tuesday.

The two women were charged with vehicle theft, theft of a firearm and impersonating a law-enforcement officer, arrest documents said. Gail Buckner also faces charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Quintasket was arrested on similar charges.

The three were arrested Sunday after another sheriff's deputy spotted the patrol car driving erratically and followed it to the Buckner home, the Sentinel reported, adding no information was immediately available on Gail Buckner and Quintasket's convictions.

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