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(Houston, Texas) The Harris County District Attorney's Office makes the following statement in regards to the Amber Alert issued this afternoon:

Rhonda Tavey has been charged with 5 counts of kidnapping. The allegations in the probable cause state that Tavey acted as a volunteer after the Katrina hurricane in 2005. She took a woman named Erica Alphonse and her 5 children ranging in ages from 2 weeks to 5 years old into her home. Tavey helped Alphonse care for the children who are now 3 (twins), 4, 6, and 8 years old. Tavey has taken the children out of the Houston area and has refused to return them to their mother. The whereabouts of Rhonda Tavey and the 5 children are unknown at this time.

A Warrant was issued for the arrest of Rhonda Tavey on August 4, 2008. This afternoon, an Amber Alert has been issued for the recovery of the children. If you have any information about the whereabouts of these children, please call Precinct 4 Constable's Office at (281) 376-3472.

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