

## Woman tries to hurt herself to ride an ambulance for free

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — A Fond du Lac woman is accused of trying to hurt herself so an ambulance would give her a free ride home.

The Reporter of Fond du Lac says (fondulac/11r8rXj) that a man told police the 36-year-old woman wouldn't stop hassling him for money.

The woman said the man owed her \$100. Police told her to take up the matter in court and leave the property. She said she had no money for a cab and asked police to drive her home.

When the officer refused she asked for an ambulance. The officer said she had to be injured, so she threw herself down and said she hurt her knee.

Police called the ambulance but told the woman she'd be billed.

## Comments sought on bikes, pedestrians

The Kansas Department of Transportation is seeking public comment to help identify statewide needs for bicycling and pedestrians.

Becky Pepper, bicycle-pedestrian coordinator, said an online survey has been posted on the agency's website, www.ksdot.org, to collect opinions and comments. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.

"The survey will help us better understand how to use limited resources for bicycling and pedestrian facilities in Kansas," Pepper said. "The survey is part of the Kansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan update to enhance transportation, safety, public health, recreation, tourism and community development."


People will be asked how they use and value bicycling and walking facilities and policies and whether changes are needed.

"We are interested in knowing whether there are differences in how rural, suburban and urban Kansans view bicycle-pedestrian needs," Pepper said. "We are also surveying public agencies on how KDOT can best serve cities, counties, regional planning organizations and others to promote local objectives related to safe biking and walking."

Planners also are interested in identifying possible collaborations and cost-sharing arrangements to best use limited resources for the greatest impact, she said.

An 18-member Kansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Advisory Board is providing advice and guidance on this study, which will be completed by fall 2013, she said. The consultant team includes the Transportation Research Institute of the University of Kansas and Smalley Community Planning LLC, Fairway.

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