No prison for heroin, child endangerment

(KAIR)--An Atchison woman, arrested in October after authorities found what they say were needles used for heroin stored beneath a pillow near a sleeping child, is sentenced to probation.

24-year-old Brittany Elmore learned her fate December 15 in Atchison County District Court.

Initially sentenced to 11-months in prison on the charge of possession of heroin and to 6-months behind bars on the charge of aggravated child endangerment, Elmore's sentence was instead suspended, and she was placed on supervised probation for 18-months.

On November 3, she pleaded no contest to the charges as part of a plea agreement.

Elmore was arrested October 19, prior to the execution of a search warrant, at her Terrace Hills apartment. Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, following the arrest and raid, said that along with the drugs and drug paraphernalia found inside the apartment were syringes underneath a pillow, located less than a foot away from a baby sleeping on the bed where the pillow was located.

Also arrested that day was 24-year-old Kyle Wrightsman, who authorities say shared the apartment with Elmore.

Charged with crimes including aggravated child endangerment, possession of methamphetamine, and distribution of methamphetamine, a preliminary hearing is scheduled for Wrightsman on the morning of December 28 in Atchison County District Court.

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