

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office**  
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**Press Release**  
**March 29, 2010**

District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that Alyssa Dawn Johnson, 38, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, was indicted by a Bristol County Grand Jury on charges of kidnapping, assault and battery, and two counts of child endangerment. Ms. Johnson's case will now be transferred to Superior Court, where most felony cases are heard. She will be arraigned in New Bedford Superior Court on a date yet to be determined.

Ms. Johnson was ordered held on \$250,000 cash bail during her arraignment in Fall River District Court on March 23. Ms. Johnson is charged with kidnapping her 13-month-old niece in Swansea on February 18. She pleaded not guilty to the charge during his District Court arraignment.

The baby, who was unharmed, was found later that same day in a parking lot in Middletown, Connecticut. Ms. Johnson was eventually arrested by Pennsylvania State Police in Holidaysburg on February 25.

Ms. Johnson waived rendition in Pennsylvania two weeks ago, and was transported back to Bristol County on March 22.