

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
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**Press Release
March 19, 2010**

Bristol County District Attorney Sam Sutter announced that a criminal complaint charging Kim H. Peno, 38, of 19 Blanding Road, Rehoboth, with murder was filed at Taunton District Court this afternoon. The charge was upgraded to murder hours after her 2-year old son, Timothy Peno, died this morning at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Rhode Island.

Mrs. Peno, who is already being held without bail, will be arraigned on the murder charge Monday morning in Taunton District Court. She is also scheduled to undergo a competency evaluation on Monday.

On March 18, 2010 at 12:15 a.m., Timothy Peno's father entered the Seekonk Police and Fire Headquarters seeking assistance for his severely injured child. Kim Peno was also present outside the station.

Seekonk paramedics rendered immediate aid to the child and he was transported by Seekonk fire personnel to Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence for treatment. Seekonk Police determined that the alleged incident had occurred at the child's residence, 19 Blanding Road in Rehoboth, and contacted Rehoboth Police. An investigation was launched by members of the Rehoboth Police Department, Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to District Attorney Sutter's office and Seekonk Police into the incident and investigators worked throughout the night.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Butts is coordinating the investigation and will be handling the arraignment Monday morning.

No further comment from our office will be made on this case until after Monday's arraignment.