

Judge sets \$2 million bail in baby kidnap

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A New Hampshire judge set bail at \$2 million for a woman who faces kidnapping charges in Massachusetts after she was discovered in Plymouth with a baby that had allegedly been cut from another woman's womb.

Julie A. Corey, 35, 94 Southgate St., Worcester, was arraigned this morning on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. She was arraigned via video from Merrimack County House of Correction in Boscawen before Concord District Court Judge Gerard Boyle.

Maryanne Ouellette of the Merrimack County Attorney's Office asked that bail be set at \$2 million cash, and Elizabeth Mulholland of the New Hampshire Public Defender's Office did not object. No plea was entered on Corey's behalf. A review hearing was set for Aug. 30, if Corey does not waive extradition. Mulholland said this morning that Corey "has not waived extradition at this time."

The baby girl, **allegedly cut from her mother's womb**, was listed in good condition at Spear Memorial Hospital in Plymouth yesterday.

Corey lived in the same building as Darlene L. Haynes, 23, in Worcester. Haynes, who was eight months pregnant, was found dead in her closet Monday, with the fetus carved from the womb, police said. Officials say the baby arrived with Corey at the Pemi-Bridge House, a homeless shelter in Plymouth, Tuesday night. Corey was questioned by shelter workers about the baby girl, who was roughly six days old, and while Corey identified herself as the baby's mother, she had no information on the child, a shelter worker told the NH Union Leader Wednesday night. "I knew something was funny," she said.

When she went home and heard about Haynes on the news, she contacted her supervisor.

Meanwhile, officials from the state Department of Health and Human Services had put out an alert and contacted the Pemi-Bridge House. The shelter supervisor told Corey to take the baby to a doctor for a checkup yesterday.

Corey became suspicious when the nurse started photographing the baby with her cell phone, the worker said.

"She had a lot of post-traumatic stress and was obviously not a well woman," the worker said. "She said a child had been taken from her before, and it's not going to happen again."

When Corey took steps to leave, the worker called police, who urged her to keep Corey and her baby at the shelter as long as possible. The worker tried to calm Corey, but eventually she went to her car, the worker said.

Corey was arrested by Plymouth police as she was attempting to get into her car.

At yesterday's hearing, Corey appeared in an orange jumpsuit, her thick brown hair tied to one side. She occasionally wiped away tears during the 10-minute hearing.

The Merrimack County attorney's office sought to seal the arrest affidavit, citing an ongoing investigation and saying releasing the information could compromise the case. Mulholland objected to the request if it meant the defense couldn't see the affidavit. The judge ruled that the defense could see the documents, but that it otherwise would be sealed from the public.

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In addition to this newborn baby Darlene also left behind three other children. Her 5 & 3 year olds were, and still are, living with her mother. They knew Darlene was their mother and she would visit regularly. Darlene was living with her 18 month old, who is now in state custody. It seems like these kids are going to loose each other in this. It seems doubtful the grandmother can take all four kids, I suspect the state will keep the younger two. In addition to loosing their mother all of these kids will most likely have the additional loss of some or all of their siblings.

- **Catherine, Worcester, MA**

My heartfelt sympathies to the families of the murder victim, and her infant daughter. May the person, or people who committed this terrible act, rot in hell.

- **Catrina, Manchester**

I hope the Feds take up the case and go for the death penalty for this gruesome crime.

- **Joan, Manchester**

My opinion is that she deserves the same death that she inflicted on that helpless women. No trial should be held just instant death

- **Ken, Manchester, NH**

First and foremost I pray that this mother rests in peace, that this baby stays in good graces, and that the family left behind is met with love and healing. I beleive that Corey is being charged with kidnapping, but I assume that once the puzzle comes together that she will also be charged with much more like homicide for starters. So, I'm hoping with stories like this we can bring back the death penalty. But, for it to be effective, as long as the murder was unjust of course, instead of being 'put to sleep' it would be like 'an eye for an eye' you would be murdered the same way you murdered your victim. If you don't think it's fair... don't kill people!

- **Tonya Ferrara, Manchester N.H.**

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