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COLORADO WOMAN CONVICTED OF KIDNAPPING

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Kristen Smith, 31, Aurora, Colo., was found guilty of kidnapping after a four-day trial in U.S. District Court in Madison. The jury reached their verdict after less than three hours of deliberation.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 27, 2014. Smith faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years in federal prison and a maximum sentence of life.

Smith was charged with kidnapping on February 7, 2014, after an infant from Wisconsin was recovered outside a gas station in West Branch, Iowa. Smith was charged with taking the infant from a home in Beloit on February 6 and transporting him across state lines.

The conviction of Smith is the result of an investigation by the Town of Beloit Police Department; Beloit Police Department; Rock County Sheriff's Office; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Wausau Police Department; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Illinois State Police; Iowa State Patrol; Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation; Cedar County (Iowa) Sheriff's Office; West Branch (Iowa) Police Department ; Iowa Division of Intelligence; Iowa Department of Public Safety; Denver Police Department, Aurora (Colo.) Police Department, Jefferson County (Colo.) Police Department, Arapahoe County (Colo.) Sheriff's Office, and Westworth Village (Texas) Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Julie Pfluger and Stephen Sinnott.

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