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WEST MIFFLIN WOMAN CHARGED WITH ABUSING TODDLER ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING CONDITIONS OF BOND

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Keving M. Kraus announced today that a West Mifflin woman, awaiting trial on charges of physically abusing a 2-year-old boy, has been arrested for violating conditions of bond.

24-year-old Ayawna Johnson was charged in December 2020 with 3 counts of aggravated assault and 1 count of endangering the welfare of children in connection with injuries sustained by a 2-year-old boy who had been in her care a month earlier. The injuries included superficial and deep burns to several areas of the child's body consistent with being immersed in scalding bath water. The injuries are believed to have occurred on the morning of November 3, 2020, but the child did not receive any medical attention until that evening.

Johnson was arrested on January 5, 2021, and following arraignment on the charges, bail was set at $10,000 and she was released after the bail was posted by Liberty Bail Bonds. Johnson was subsequently held for court on the charges and the case was assigned to Judge Bruce Beemer.

On Wednesday of this week, Judge Beemer determined that Johnson had violated the conditions of her bond and a bench warrant was issued for her arrest. Detectives from our office quickly developed information that Johnson was in Pittsburgh's Northside and found her hiding in the closet of a residence on Federal Street Extension last night.

Johnson was taken into custody and transported to the Allegheny County Jail.

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