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Mother allegedly stabbed infant son

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Kristy Leigh DeHuff, 25, of Commerce Township, who allegedly stabbed her 13-month-old son multiple times on Thursday, Feb. 4, is being held without bond in the Oakland County Jail after being charged with one count of assault with intent to commit murder.

According to Oakland County Sheriff's Department reports, DeHuff, her husband and their child were in their car and about to leave their home in the 3000 block of Brookneal at about 11:15 a.m. on Feb. 4 when DeHuff reportedly told her husband, "I've got to do something." She then went back into their home with the child. When they didn't return after a few minutes, her husband went inside to look for them.

There, her husband reportedly discovered DeHuff stabbing the boy, their only child, with a butcher knife. She had sliced him twice in the neck, once in the upper torso, and once in the armpit, according to Lt. Clay Jansson, commander of the sheriff department's Commerce Township Substation, who was one of the first deputies to arrive on the scene.

The husband took the knife away from DeHuff and immediately called 911.

"He saved his son's life," Jansson said. "The dad and the fire department did an excellent job saving this child's life."

The child was transported to Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, and then flown by helicopter to the University of Michigan Medical Center with a punctured lung. He is currently listed in stable condition.

"I spoke with the father this weekend, and the child is talking and bouncing around," Jansson said. "The kid is probably being released this week from the hospital."

DeHuff, who has no previous criminal or psychiatric record, reportedly told deputies and her husband that she had had a dream the night before that someone was going to stab and kill her son, so she had to do it first.

According to Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, DeHuff is to undergo a forensic exam to determine whether she needs psychiatric care.

She was arraigned on Friday, Feb. 5 in 52-1 District Court in front of Judge Dennis Powers.

A preliminary exam is scheduled for today, Wednesday, Feb. 10, in front of 52-1 District Court Judge Robert Bondy.