



## Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



### **Kelly Arthurs, charged in her daughter's death after crash, arrested after she arrives at other daughter's home in violation of bond conditions**

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**FENTON, Michigan** -- Instead of spending seven weeks getting substance abuse treatment, Kelly Arthurs -- the Fenton mom charged in the death of one of her twin daughters -- will spend that time in jail.

Circuit Judge Geoffrey Neithercut sent Arthurs to jail Tuesday after she showed up at the Fenton home where her surviving daughter lives, a violation of her \$10,000 bond.

Arthurs is charged with second-degree murder in the March 10 death of her daughter Kelsey Jo Caswell. Prosecutors believe Arthurs was high on cocaine when she left a Fenton restaurant with her two daughters, shortly before crashing near McCall Road when she lost control of her vehicle while going about 70 mph. A criminal trial is expected to begin Jan. 6.



Kelly M. Arthurs

As part of her bond, Arthurs was to have no contact with her daughter Kasey Caswell, 9, or the child's father, Roger Caswell. Kasey lives with her father.

Roger Caswell said he received a phone call from Arthurs about 10:30 p.m. Monday night. She called later that night telling him she was on his way.

"I barricaded the house up and turned on the alarm because I didn't know what would happen," Caswell said.

He also called police who arrested Arthurs when she showed up in his driveway in a taxi.

Police reported she also appeared intoxicated or medicated when she was arrested Monday night in Fenton.

Arthurs had been staying at the Flint Odyssey House, a substance abuse treatment facility, but had been out for a week, said her attorney Mark Latchana. He declined to comment further.

Officials were not sure if Arthurs had left the facility without permission or was released.

"It's obvious she cannot be trusted," said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton.

During the court hearing, Arthurs, wearing a red sweater and jeans, stared out toward the audience. She only turned toward the judge after he ordered her back to jail and ended the hearing.

Both Roger Caswell and his mother, Mary Benham, were at the hearing. Arthurs did not appear to look at them.

"It just scared us," Benham said of Arthurs' visit. "She's obviously not making sane choices here."

Kasey, who was home at the time, slept through her mother's visit and arrest, family said. She was kept home from school Tuesday as a precaution.

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