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Warren mother quickly convicted of child endangering

A Warren mother was convicted after a Trumbull County jury took about 10 minutes to return guilty verdicts on two counts of endangering children.



Martisha Haynes, 41, of Commerce Street, Warren, will undergo a background investigation before being sentenced by Common Pleas Judge Ronald J. Rice for second- and third-degree felonies. Haynes' bond was revoked and deputies handcuffed her and led her away from the courtroom.

The case involved a seven-year-old girl, Haynes' daughter, who was burned severely after bumping into a pot of bowling water on the stove of her Clearwater Street address. Assistant Prosecutor Gabriel Wildman presented evidence that the incident happened on Feb. 4, 2026, and the girl's injuries that included second- and third-degree burns to her buttocks, a leg and foot were not discovered until she went to school three weeks later.

Wildman called school officials and a Trumbull County Service investigator as well as police officers and a doctor from Akron Children Hospital to testify that the girl's severe injuries were compounded by the inscrutable pain she suffered as she lay untreated in an unkempt household.

Wildman charged that Haynes as the mother neglected her duty to see that her daughter received proper medical care and provided a dangerous home with a pot continuously boiling on a stove to provide heat for the home. Testimony showed that the injured girl only received minimal care as she lay in pain and that the mother lied to school officials by writing a note that her daughter was injured by falling on the ice.

Haynes could face as many as 15 years in prison for the two felony convictions. Wildman said he was pleased with the quick verdict of the jury and said the state will ask for an appropriate incarceration time for the defendant. The verdict was the quickest since a jury in April 2025 returned a verdict in five minutes for a 50-year-old Warren man, James Finlaw, who was convicted of not reporting to his parole officer. The prosecutor in that case was present Judge-elect Christopher Becker.

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