

Austin mother remains in San Diego jail; child taken to Mexico back home

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The Austin mother who allegedly fled with her three-year-old son to Mexico in August remains jailed in San Diego, California. The child, however, is back home with his custodial parent, his father.

Aedan Daehnke was located with his mother, Amie Jaline Sandlin, 33, about 30 miles south of Tijuana, Mexico, on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 18, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force. The pair had been missing since August 11, when Sandlin should have returned the child after a parental visit to his dad in Austin.

Sandlin was subsequently charged in Scott Superior Court with two counts of custodial interference, Class D felonies. She also faces an unrelated charge of escape, also a Class D felony, since she was to have started serving a jail sentence in August.

The blond-headed youngster's photo and information was forwarded to the website of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. After several tips and several days of investigation, the child and mother were found unharmed in the Mexican countryside. The FBI and U.S. Marshals Service worked with the Austin Police Department and the Indiana State Police to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

Sandlin was taken into custody and extradited back to California, where the procedure to extradict her back to Indiana is on-going. Allegedly, a relative had told local police that Sandlin had been going on-line to find a state from which she would not be extradicted prior to her disappearance.

She is expected to be returned within a week to ten days.