

?Mom charged with failing to see that child attends school

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? A Scottsburg mother has been charged with violating the Indiana Compulsory School Attendance Law.

Pauline L. Pappas, 37, will face trial on the charge on April 6, according to court records.

Pappas' child had missed 29 days of school up to November 20, the probable cause affidavit stated.

Scott School District 2 officials had sent several letters to Pappas about her child missing school. She attended a meeting of the Scott County Attendance Review Board in October in regard to the absences, and board members had worked out an "action plan" for the mother and her child to follow to ensure that the student would be in school on a regular basis.

The affidavit stated that Pappas failed to follow this plan, and the child continued to miss school.

An Indiana State Trooper, Ray Dawson, visited the Pappas home twice in late November. He stated in the affidavit that the woman failed to provide him with any medical records that would support the child having a reason to miss school.

The charge is a Class B misdemeanor.