

# EPD: Mother threw child in play pen after crying ‘set her off’

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EVANSVILLE — Police said officers arrested a 20-year-old Evansville woman Tuesday night after she allegedly threw her young daughter into a play pen, causing severe head trauma that required emergency surgery.

In a news release, the Evansville Police Department identified the woman as Alexandra G. Ring. The incident that led police to Ring’s home in the 1500 block of South Kentucky Avenue Tuesday came after Ring’s daughter began to cry, which Ring later told detectives “set her off.”

Ring faces charges of domestic battery against a family member and neglect of a dependent, both Level 3 felonies, according to the EPD. As of Wednesday morning, Ring had not yet appeared before a judge, court records state.

Ring dialed 911 to report her daughter’s injuries Tuesday evening hours after they were sustained, police said. Paramedics transported the child to a local hospital, where doctors noted bruising to their “forehead, behind both ears, on the arms, stomach and buttocks,” Sgt. Taylor Merriss wrote in the release.

The release does not list the age of Ring’s daughter.

The most severe injuries were to the child’s head, where bleeding and swelling necessitated emergency surgery to relieve pressure on the brain, police said.

Ring, who was taken to EPD headquarters, agreed to speak with detectives. Ring said that around 2 p.m., her

daughter “soiled her clothes due to a poorly fitting diaper,” Merriss wrote. Shortly thereafter, the child began to cry.

“Ring stated that she ‘couldn’t handle the crying’ and that it ‘set her off,’” the release states. “Ring further described an incident in which she held the child over a Pack ‘n Play and ‘threw her in it.’”

According to police, Ring later changed her account, claiming that because she is 30-weeks pregnant, she accidentally dropped her daughter due to the size of her stomach.

“(Ring) also explained that after lifting the victim, she sat her on the floor, where the child fell face-first into a cabinet, striking her head on a metal piece, which she claimed caused the bruising to the victim’s forehead,” the release goes on to state.

Police allege that Ring neglected to dial 911 afterward despite her daughter “falling in and out of consciousness.” They said Ring called for help around 5:23 p.m. only after her boyfriend returned home from work.

“Ring contacted her boyfriend earlier to express concern about the victim’s condition but failed to seek medical help until later,” Merriss wrote.

According to court records, a probable cause hearing in the case was scheduled to be held Wednesday afternoon.

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Ukraine will only use the antipersonnel mines defensively on its own territory, a U.S. official said. UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES VIA REUTERS

# US to give Ukraine antipersonnel mines

Weapons condemned by arms control groups

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WASHINGTON — The Biden administration will for the first time give Ukraine antipersonnel land mines, controversial weapons condemned by arms control groups for their high rates of civilian death and injury.

Although the U.S. has provided anti-tank mines to Ukraine throughout the Russian invasion, it will soon begin providing antipersonnel land mines, or APLs, a U.S. official said. Antipersonnel mines are more easily triggered than anti-tank mines.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin confirmed the policy reversal to report-

ers on Wednesday.

Antipersonnel land mines are banned by a treaty signed by more than 160 countries, but the U.S. and Russia aren’t signatories. Arms control and human rights groups say they cause disproportionately high civilian casualties, and some can endanger civilians years after a conflict ends.

The land mines the Biden administration will give Ukraine are “non-persistent,” meaning they will lose their explosiveness after a certain period of time. Arms control organizations say the dangers to civilians still apply.

The official said the devices require battery power to detonate — once the battery runs out after a period of up to two weeks, they will become “inert” — unlike land mines Russia has used in

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# Restaurants

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(parties of 16 or more must use this menu) is available with 48 hours notice, and includes bread; coffee and tea; a choice of salad; an entrée choice from beef filet, salmon, or chicken breast with family-style sides of asparagus and mashed potatoes; and dessert of either chocolate torte or turtle cheesecake. <https://casinos.ballys.com/evansville/cavanaughs-on-the-river.htm>

## The Carousel Restaurant

5115 Monroe Ave.; 812-479-6388.

At the Carousel restaurant, enjoy a Thanksgiving feast with turkey, ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, a roll, and pumpkin pie for \$15.99 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Carousel will be open for breakfast from 6:30-10 a.m.; reservations are recommended. <https://www.facebook.com/TheCarouselRestaurant>

## Comfort by the Cross-Eyed Cricket

230 Main St.; 812-909-3742.

Comfort will be open from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. serving a Thanksgiving buffet featuring ham, turkey, chicken and dumplings, roast beef, all your favorite homey sides, salads and a staggering assortment of pies and bread pudding, plus iced tea or coffee. Price is \$35 for adults, \$25 for seniors over 60, and \$15 for kids 10 and under. In the fourth-floor event space, prime rib will be added to the buffet for an additional \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors. Reservations are suggested. <https://comfortevv.com/>

## The Cross-Eyed Cricket Family Restaurant

2101 W. Lloyd Expressway; 812-422-6464.

The Cross-Eyed Cricket will be open from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thanksgiving day. Breakfast will be served and at lunch time there will be a limited Thanksgiving menu with turkey and dressing, honey glazed ham or chicken and dumplings with sides and dessert. Or, call to order family catering either a la carte or as a meal pack which serves six to eight. The turkey meal includes three pounds of turkey, eight yeast rolls with strawberry butter, a choice of four sides, brown or turkey gravy and a whole pie for \$130. A ham and turkey meal with two pounds each turkey and ham, eight yeast rolls with strawberry butter, a choice of four sides, brown or turkey gravy and a whole pie is \$145. Pickup for family meals will be on Tuesday Nov. 26, or Wednesday Nov. 27. <https://www.facebook.com/CrosseyedcricketWest>

## The Diner by Mele’s

550 N. Green River Road; 812-402-1272.

The Diner by Mele’s will be open from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. with several special thanksgiving dishes on the menu. <https://www.thedinerbymeles.com/>

## Frankie’s Restaurant

6840 Logan Drive, Evansville; 812-490-3172.

Frankie’s will be open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thanksgiving day, serving the regular menu of comfort foods and a plate special of turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetables and dinner rolls Don’t forget Frankie’s now has a full bar. <https://frankierestaurant.com/>

## Golden Buddha Chinese Restaurants

3221 Taylor Ave, Evansville; 812-473-4855, and 5066 Indiana 261, Newburgh; 812-853-2680.

Both Golden Buddha restaurants in Evansville and Newburgh will be open normal hours, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. with regular Chinese menu offerings. <https://www.evvbuddha.com/>

## Journey Fish & Chicken

825 S. Green River Road; 812-303-2420.

Journey will be open regular hours, from 10:30 a.m.-11:45 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The menu includes fried whole chicken wings and buffalo wings, chicken tenders, fried fish, shrimp, gyros and more. <https://www.journeyfc.com/>

## The Red Geranium

504 North St., New Harmony, Indiana; 812-682-4431.

A special Thanksgiving three-course meal will be served on Thanksgiving at the Red Geranium. The menu includes a choice of pumpkin soup, Caesar or pear salad; a choice of entrees including roasted garlic and herb turkey, Mediterranean stuffed salmon, garlic butter and herb t-bone steak, veggie spaghetti or shrimp and lobster pasta, and a choice of pie for dessert. Entrees are priced differently. Reservations are a must as this meal will fill up quickly. Call 1-800-782-8605. <https://www.facebook.com/RedGeraniumRestaurant>

## Sakura Newburgh Indiana

4833 Indiana 261, Newburgh; 812-490-0553.

Sakura will be open from 11 a.m. -9:30 p.m. serving the regular menu of sushi and other Japanese specialties. <https://www.facebook.com/sakura4833>

## Sauced

1113 Parrett St.; 812-402-2230

A free community Thanksgiving buffet will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thanksgiving, courtesy of the Haynie’s Corner Arts District. Dishes will include roast turkey and all the traditional sides. There will be a cash bar available. <https://www.facebook.com/Comeget-sauced>

## Savannah’s Café

1802 Stringtown Road; 812-303-2091

Savannah’s will be open for breakfast and lunch on Thanksgiving day, from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. For lunch, choose turkey and dressing or ham with either mashed or sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry relish and a choice of pumpkin pie or chocolate cake for \$12.95. Kids five-12 will be \$6.50 and kids under five free. Or order a family dinner ahead by Friday, Nov. 22. <https://www.facebook.com/savannahscafe>

## Szechwan Restaurant

669 N. Green River Road; 812-479-7600.

Szechwan will be open regular hours of 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. serving the daily menu of Chinese specialties. <https://www.facebook.com/chengdu508>

## Yang’s Shabu Shabu

4700 Vogel Road; 812-471-8889.

Yang’s Shabu Shabu will be open normal hours of 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. serving the dinner menu all day. To eat shabu shabu, choose your broth then choose raw proteins, vegetables and noodles to cook right at the table. Mix your own dipping sauces from the sauce bar. A full Chinese menu is also offered. <https://www.facebook.com/yangsshabushabu>

# Scams

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Bonus emphasized, “It is important to know that Amazon customer support will never ask for your personal details,

password, or payment information.” The company also warned that the not-new “you’re a winner” and “claim free prize” scams will be rebooted with advanced technology this holiday shipping season to further cheat people out of their money and personal identification.

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