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(S.D.)-Rapid City Woman Pleads Guilty To Child Abuse



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - A Rapid City woman accused of leaving her young child in an apartment that caught fire has pleaded guilty to aggravated child abuse.

Reports indicate 38-year-old Angelita Elk Boy told a judge Tuesday that she was drunk when she left her 16-month-old child alone in their apartment in March.

The stove was turned on and the apartment caught fire, but fire crews rescued the toddler.

Her attorney says Elk Boy was too drunk at the time to remember all of the details. She also pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and felony drunken driving charge.

Elk Boy faces up to 20 years in prison when she's sentenced next month.

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