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**Two Trenton Residents Indicted for Attempted Murder
of 8-Year-Old Girl**

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned an indictment Friday charging a Trenton mother and her boyfriend with the attempted murder of her 8-year-old daughter, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced.

The 10-count indictment charges Plesi Nichols, 33, of South Logan Avenue, and Anthony Roberson, 28, of Meade Street, with one count each of first-degree attempted murder, first-degree kidnapping, second-degree aggravated assault, third-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, fourth-degree unlawful possession of a weapon and two counts each of second-degree endangering the welfare of a child in relation to the 8-year-old victim.

Nichols and Roberson are also charged with endangering the welfare of Nichols' other three children. They were arrested in May of this year when officers with the Mercer County Sheriff's Office found the 8-year-old girl at her South Logan Avenue home, begging to be taken away from the abuse. Both are accused of tying the girl up with string and boot laces, beating and starving her.

Both Nichols and Roberson remain in the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Borgos presented the case to the grand jury.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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