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Parents: Ferret, not pit bull, gnawed off baby's toes

BENTON, La. -- A woman jailed after four of her month-old daughter's toes were gnawed off says it was the family's pet ferret that did it, not their pit bull puppy.

"The way the bite marks were on her foot. The ferret being out of its cage. I knew it wasn't the dog," Mary Hansche told KTBS-TV on Tuesday.

Hansche, 22, and her husband, Christopher Wayne Hansche, 26, remained jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bond each, booked with child desertion and criminal negligence. Their baby has been released from the hospital and is in state custody.

The Hansches were asleep on a mattress on the floor and the baby in a carrier next to the mattress when they woke Dec. 10 because she was crying, Bossier City police have said.

Attorney Pam Smart said she is waiting for results of a hair analysis to back up the couple's statement that they were not using drugs.

"This was an accident, very unfortunate accident. Hindsight is 20-20 and I'm sure the Hansches probably would say we would have done things differently looking back now," Smart said.

She also said their bonds are too high for misdemeanors. A bond reduction hearing is scheduled next month.

Both pets are in quarantine but show no sign of rabies, officials said.

The puppy will remain at the animal control shelter until the court process is completed.

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