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MAYS LANDING – A Runnemede woman was charged Tuesday afternoon with endangering the welfare of a child for allegedly giving a 2-year-old boy whom she had a legal duty to care for, adult-strength sleeping pills, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

On Jan. 30 Lisa Kingston, 26, allegedly gave the toddler four Unisom Nighttime sleep-aid tablets at a Walnut Avenue residence in Hammonton visiting a friend, Prosecutor Housel said. The child was harmed by the medication given over a course of approximately four hours. The toddler was taken to the hospital where he received treatment and was later released.

Kingston, an Emergency Medical Technician, turned herself in to the Prosecutor's Office Crimes Against Children Unit. She was released on a summons pending further legal proceedings. Her court appearance is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Hammonton Municipal Court.

Endangering the welfare of a child is a second-degree crime, which carries a maximum period of imprisonment of 10 years.

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Crimes Against Children Unit and the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office conducted the investigation leading to Kingston's arrest.

**\*\*\*These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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