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Bail revoked for girl indicted in assault on infant

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An Anne Arundel circuit judge revoked bail yesterday for a 17-year-old Severn girl who was charged with attempted murder after her newborn daughter was thrown from an apartment window.

Judge Raymond G. Thieme Jr. issued an arrest warrant for Michelle E. Savage and scheduled a Feb. 1 hearing to consider whether she should be jailed or remain free pending her trial.

Police were called to Meade Village about 3 p.m. Jan. 14 by three children who had found the naked infant lying on a storm grate beneath the defendant's window.

The baby girl survived the 18-foot fall and was listed in stable condition yesterday at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Ms. Savage was released on her own recognizance Jan. 17 by District Court Judge Martha F. Rasin, who ordered her to undergo psychiatric tests and to remain at her sister's house in Severn pending trial.

Ms. Savage of the 1800 block of Circle Road was indicted Monday by a county grand jury on charges of attempted murder, child abuse, battery and reckless endangerment.

Assistant State's Attorney Cynthia M. Ferris filed a request to revoke her bail Monday, arguing that Ms. Savage might run away because the attempted murder charge carries a possible life sentence.

"Given the severity of the charges and the strength of the state's case, the state will be asking for a long period of incarceration if there is a conviction," Ms. Ferris said in court papers.

Evelyn Darden, Ms. Savage's lawyer, said yesterday that she would respond to those claims at the Feb. 1 bail hearing.

She also said that she hopes to have the case transferred to juvenile court before trial.