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Just Occurred Kidnapping and Arrest

St. Petersburg Police found and arrested a woman who took another woman's baby in an effort to force her to change her testimony in a prior case.

At 3:48 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, Anita Johnson, DOB 8-23-83, witnessed her neighbor, Lorraine Rainey, DOB 2-7-82, try to run over her husband, Robert Rainey, at 4720 1st Avenue North. Mr. Rainey was not injured, but Johnson was a key witness.

This morning, Lorraine Rainey forced her way into Anita Johnson's home, 4720 1/2 1st Avenue North, and coerced her into driving to Police Headquarters to change her statement. While Johnson was inside the building, Rainey stayed in the car with Johnson's 2 1/2 month old daughter, London Baker. When Johnson came out, Rainey and baby were gone.

Rainey left with the baby, caught a ride with an unknown person, and returned to her neighborhood. When she saw police at the property, she began to walk and run around the neighborhood until police spotted her.

The baby was returned to the mom unharmed. This is video of the detective reuniting baby with mom at Police Headquarters.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1D5Znptgj5AQkVNV0JNbXNGemM?usp=sharing>

Lorraine Rainey will be charged with burglary, false imprisonment, tampering with a witness and kidnapping.

Detectives would like to speak with the driver who gave Rainey a ride from Headquarters. Anyone with information please call 893-7780 or text SPPD + your tip to TIP411.*