

Kyrgyz Mother Sells Baby for \$75

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A Kyrgyz woman who sold her 10-month-old daughter for the equivalent of \$75 faces years behind bars on human-trafficking charges, prosecutors in the Central Asian republic said Monday.

The woman, from the northern town Balykchy, sold the child to residents of a nearby village for 4,000 Kyrgyz soms, purely for "monetary gain," the Prosecutor General's Office said in a statement cited by Interfax.

Seventy-five dollars is not a paltry sum in Kyrgyzstan, where the average monthly salary is about \$100, according to World Bank statistics.

Although the incident took place in March, the case was only recently brought to the attention of prosecutors, the report said.

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