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past few years. A close friend of the Cortese family told *The National Enquirer*: "Joe cares very much for Kim, but he has to think about the repercussions of Jack living with an alcoholic mother, and driving around with her when she's drunk."

Sources said that in another incident in June, Kim turned up at Jack's private school with alcohol on her breath, and school personnel told her never again to arrive there drunk.

"Joe had no choice but to request full custody of Jack," the friend re-

vealed. "Not only is it what Jack wanted, but Joe would never forgive himself if Jack were ever injured in an accident caused by Kim's drinking."

The court ruled Delaney could only see her son under strict supervision and could not drink alcohol up to 24 hours before any visit. She also must submit to random alcohol tests upon two hours' notice.

The *National Enquirer* attempted to reach Cortese for comment, but he was not available. Delaney's

spokesman said the actress "is out of town, and cannot be reached for comment."

Delaney, a Pennsylvania-born former model, began her TV career on the daytime drama *All My Children*, and then hit it big on *NYPD Blue* as detective Diane Russell. But her ex-husband told the court a subsequent stint on *CSI: Miami* was short-lived when she was fired in the first season due to alcoholism.

She has continued to work on various projects, including two guest

appearances on the cult hit TV series *The O.C.* But her detour returned while filming a TV movie in Toronto recently when, court records claim, she was asked to leave the set after appearing drunk.

Delaney saw her beloved brother John, a 47-year-old father of two, die of a heart attack while playing family game of basketball in Verona, New Jersey, on July 17.

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DIVIDED BY DRINK: Kim Delaney, left above, was on *NYPD Blue*, has lost custody of son above. Below, Kim as she is

