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PRESS RELEASE



ABANDONING OR ENDANGERING A CHILD (3 COUNTS)

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On Thursday June 12, 2014, at 9:51 am San Benito Police Officers responded to the 500 Block of Commerce street in reference to a small child found by a postal worker wandering the streets unsupervised. When the Police Officers arrived they discovered a 3 year old boy on the side of the street wearing only a diaper. The police officers then proceeded to search the area, and located a residence with the door wide open where they made contact with 22 year old Brittany Torrens out of San Benito who advised the Officers that she had fallen asleep, and was not aware the her 3 year old had left the residence. The police officers also noticed that the interior of the house was dirty, trash, food on the floor, and not suitable for children. Inside the residence the Police Officers discovered 2 children ages 2 and 7 months old locked inside a room and one of them covered in human waste. Both children were only wearing diapers with clear signs of neglect. At that point Brittany Torrens was placed under arrest on 3 counts of Abandoning or endangering a child (State Jail Felony), and taken to City Jail where she was arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who set bonds totaling \$30,000. Child Protective Services were made aware of the incident, and took custody of the children. It should be noted that as a result of the investigation 24 year old Jesse M. Edwards who was identified as Brittany Torrens husband was placed under arrest after investigators determined that the male subject was residing at location, and was prohibited from living there due to having an emergency protective order against him filed by the victim. Jesse Edwards was also arraigned on the charges for violating an emergency protective order, and his bond was set at \$10,000.

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