

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 368(B)1PC- elder abuse, 591 PC- vandalizing phone or cable lines, 273.6 PC- violation of protective order, 1203.2 PC- violation of probation

Report Number: 2016-594

Coroner Number:

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Location: 10 block of Hopper Lane Covelo, CA

When: Date: 01-05-2016 **Time:** 8:00 PM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	Adult Female	70		Covelo, CA

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Nicole Britton	35		Covelo, CA

Written by: Sergeant Mike Davis

Synopsis:

On 01-06-2016, Deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received a report from a seventy year-old woman that her daughter, Nicole Britton, had physically abused her the previous night at the mother's residence in Covelo, California.

The mother told Deputies that Britton had used her clenched fists to punch her in both arms. As she left the residence, Britton disabled her mother's phone to prevent her from calling law enforcement.

A restraining order was in effect at the time of this incident prohibiting Britton from coming within 100 yards of her mother. Britton was also on active Mendocino County Probation with a term being that she was to have only "peaceful contact" with her mother.

The Deputies were not able to locate Nicole Britton that day and a report was submitted to the Mendocino County District Attorney requesting charges be filed for elder abuse, violation of a court order, violation of probation and for disabling telephone communications for the purpose of preventing a call to law enforcement.

Despite an ongoing exhaustive search, Britton was not located by Deputies until 01-20-2016.

On 01-20-2016 at approximately 9:30 AM, Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputies and Round Valley Tribal Police Officers located Britton inside a travel trailer on Hopper Lane in Covelo, California.

Britton was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail on the listed charges and was to be held in lieu of \$55,000.00 bail.

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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