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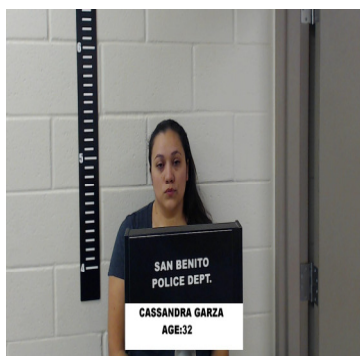
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PRESS RELEASE

ABANDONING OR ENDANGERING A CHILD

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On Thursday June 13, 2013 at 11:07 am, Patrol Officers were called to the 1000 block of Ben Lora in reference to a small child in the street. A female driver located the child wondering the street alone. When Officers arrived they spoke to the small boy and he stated that he was 3 years old and the house that he was located outside of was his residence. The Officers knocked on the front door but no one answered. They checked around the house and located an open door on the side of the home. They made entry into the home but didn't locate anyone inside. A male on his way to work stopped and advised Officers that the child's father worked at HEB. A short time later the father of the child arrived from work. They were taken to the police station where he was interviewed and advised the child was left home with his mother identified as 32 year old Cassandra Garza. Garza later arrived at the police station and she stated he left the child asleep in the home while she left to work at about 09:00am. She assumed her nephew was home who cares for the child while they are at work. Garza was placed under arrest for Abandoning or Endangering a Child a State Jail Felony. She was arraigned by Judge Benjamin Yudesis and bond was set at \$2,500 dollars.

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