



# **SAN BENITO POLICE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CHILD ABANDONMENT/ENDANGERING**

**Monday April 23, 2012**



On Sunday April 23, 2012 at 05:36am, Officers from the San Benito Police Department were called to a residence located on the 100 block of Colorado Street in reference to two missing children from the residence. Upon the Officers arrival they made contact with the mother who stated that her 5 and 6 year old children were missing. She left her 18 year old niece watching (babysitting) over the children while she had gone somewhere else. The complainant discovered her children missing when she returned home. The mother identified her niece as 18 year old Amber Marie Rios. The mother contacted Amber Marie Rios was over the phone, and she advised that she had left the house to go to her boyfriend's house while the children were asleep. Amber Marie Rios returned several minutes later, and by this time a Police Officer had located the boys asleep under a table outside the house, and both covered with a blanket and a pillow. Amber Marie Rios was then placed under arrest, and transported to city jail and charged with 3 counts of Abandoning or Endangering a child. Amber Marie Rios was arraigned and Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis set bonds totaling \$30,000.00. Child Protective Services were notified and a case was opened for investigation.

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