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PRESS RELEASE

ABANDONING OR ENDANGERING A CHILD

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On Tuesday November 5th, 2013, at 3:50 pm, San Benito Police responded to Leal Elementary located at 33356 FM732 in reference to a 3 year old female child found unattended in front of the school. When the Police Officers arrived they made contact with School Security who then informed the Police Officers that approximately an hour before a security guard had seen the 3 year old playing in the backyard of a residence next to the school unsupervised, but a few minutes later the child ended up in the front of the school still without adult supervision, and the child was taken inside the school to keep her away from any danger. San Benito Police Officers then made contact with the residents of the house next door, where they made contact with the Child's aunt, who then advised the Officers that child's mother who was identified as 22 year old Briana Ynette Garcia was asleep. When the Officers made contact with Briana Garcia she advised the Officers that her 3 year old daughter was still asleep inside the house, but upon checking she noticed that her daughter was no longer inside the house. Briana Ynette Garcia was placed under arrest for abandoning or endangering a child (State Jail Felony), and was taken to City Jail where she was later arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who set bond totaling \$3,000. Briana Garcia was taken to the Cameron County Jail. Child Protective Services were notified of the incident, and have launched an investigation into the matter. Child was released to a family member as per CPS.

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