



# **SAN BENITO POLICE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**MONDAY JULY 29, 2013**

### **ABANDONING A CHILD**



### **Maria Rodriguez**

On Wednesday July 24, 2013, at 4:40 pm. San Benito Police Officers arrived at a residence located on the 300 block of West Landrum Street in order to serve two warrants of arrest for the offense of abandoning a child issued by Municipal Court for 61 year old Maria Rodriguez. The Police Officers made contact with Maria Rodriguez who was then placed under arrest, and taken to the San Benito City Jail. Maria Rodriguez was wanted in connection to an incident that occurred in the evening hours of July 17, 2013 when San Benito Police Officers went to check Maria Rodriguez residence due a welfare concern call, and discovered a 9 year old female child and her 3 year old brother home alone. After several minutes Maria Rodriguez arrived at the residence, and it was determined that Maria Rodriguez was suppose to be watching over the children, but had gone to drop off a friend. Maria Rodriguez was advised that an investigation was going to be initiated, and CPS were notified of the incident that same evening. Maria Rodriguez was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis on two counts of Abandoning or endangering a child – class A misdemeanor, and bond was set at \$10,000.

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### **CONTINUOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST FAMILY**



### **Jerry Lopez**

On Saturday July 27, 2013, at 03:05 am, San Benito Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in progress over by an apartment located on the 300 block of S. Travis Street between a male and a female. When the Police Officers arrived they made contact with a male subject who was leaving the area on foot, and who was identified as 27 year old Jerry Lee Lopez. The backup officers then made contact with the 30 year old female inside the apartment, and advised the responding officers that she had been assaulted, and choked by her common law husband who she identified as Jerry Lopez after he suspected of her "cheating "on him with a friend. The investigation also revealed that the suspect had assaulted the female victim before, and Jerry Lee Lopez was then placed under arrest for Assault impeding breath/circulation as well as Continuous Acts of family violence against the family (both offenses are considered 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felonies). Jerry Lopez was then taken to City Jail where he was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bonds totaling \$30,000.

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