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Spring Valley Couple arrested for Child Abuse/ 2-year-old taken into Protective Custody

On the morning of April 15, 2016, 20-year old Jessica Nosack and 49-year-old Homer Nosack were each arrested on one count of felony Child Abuse and booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center. Both remain in-custody with a per person \$75,000 bond.

Background – On April 11, 2016, YCSO deputies were asked to assist a Department of Child Safety (DCS) case worker with a home inspection in the 17000 block of East Fairway Drive, Spring Valley. DCS had received reports of child neglect involving the 2-year-old son of Jessica and Homer Nosack. The anonymous report indicated their child was routinely locked in a room for several days at a time inside a home unfit for human living. The case worker noted there had been more than 10 inspections of the home based on previous reports.



Homer and Jessica Nosack

Initial contact was made with Jessica and she allowed deputies and the DCS worker onto the property and eventually inside the home. Jessica was upset and indicated ongoing inspections were a form of harassment. Deputies noted a cage containing 2 rats on the front porch along with guinea pigs in another cage. There was a large amount of animal feces all around these cages and flies everywhere. With Jessica, Homer and their son present, an inspection of the home resulted in the following observations:

1. A lock was found installed on the outside of the 2-year-old's bedroom door.
2. The inside of the home was in complete disarray with trash scattered everywhere.
3. All carpet was extremely soiled by numerous substances.
4. The toilet in the main bathroom was not working and the room smelled of human feces and sewage. This odor was evident throughout the house. The bathtub was also backed up.

5. In another bedroom, there was an adjoining bathroom with a working toilet that belonged to a roommate. The Nosack's claimed their son had access to this bathroom. The room itself was in disarray. Mouse droppings covered the floor.
6. The living room contained a bed, a dog kennel, and a trash can full of cigarette butts and another overflowing trash can next to the bed.
7. The 2-year-old was found in his darkened bedroom and did not have any shoes or socks on. There was a cot for his bed and a few very dirty stuffed animals nearby. The carpet was soiled with cigarettes butts and trash on the floor. Inside the bedroom closet, deputies saw crayon marks and drawings on the walls.
8. There was no refrigerator in the kitchen – just an empty space. Homer noted he had a small fridge in the living room. It contained only cans of soda. The kitchen was full of unwashed dishes/pots.
9. Mouse droppings were visible in several rooms throughout the house.
10. During the inspection, the 2-year-old brought a piece of 'candy' to the case worker that he found on the floor. The 'candy' was actually pain killer medication.
11. At the time of the inspection, the 2-year-old conveyed to the case worker that he was locked in his bedroom all the time and was only allowed out to eat or use the bathroom.

Based on the initial findings, DCS determined that it was necessary to take the child into protective custody due to neglect and endangerment. Deputies had also developed information that the child was spanked on a regular basis, not fed routinely, and confirmed reports being locked in his room for several days in a row. The Nosack's were not arrested at that time pending further investigation.

On April 14, 2016, a specialist was assigned to complete a forensic interview of the 2-year-old victim and learned the child had been locked in his bedroom with no lights on, was punished by not being fed, and occasionally went 'potty' in the bedroom because he is not allowed to leave.

Investigating deputies concluded Jessica and Homer were criminally responsible for the abuse, neglect and endangerment of the victim. The couple was arrested at their Spring Valley home on April 15, 2016. Deputies have determined additional abuse involving Homer by giving his son a 'one hour cold shower,' among other cold water punishments.

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