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INVESTIGATION TITLE: BRAINTREE, Lola	DATE: February 19, 2012	CASE NUMBER: B12- - 035
REPORT NUMBER: 1 st Report	TYPE OF REPORT: Opening/Closing/Arrest	CASE X-REF: None
CASE AGENT: Sue	REPORTING AGENT: Sue	SUPERVISOR: S.A.S. Keith

SUMMARY:

On February 19, 2012, at approximately 0800 hours, the below listed Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force personnel consisting of Commander Keith, Detectives Sam, Justin, Bill, Lamar, and support personnel conducted a briefing at the Task Force office regarding the planned execution of a search warrant at 121 Walk Blvd, Space 1, Oroville, Butte County, California.

Located in this residence was Lola Braintree, and two of her four children, Lester _____, Age 3, DOB: _____ and Jennifer, age 8, DOB: _____. Also contacted in the residence was Lola’s friend, Summer Frampton, DOB: _____ .

Evidence located in the residence in accordance with the aforementioned search warrant consisted of two glass smoking pipes of the type commonly used to smoke methamphetamine, the residue of which from one of the pipes tested positive for methamphetamine with a presumptive test. 1.05 grams net weight of marijuana was also found which was presumptive positive. One of the glass smoking pipes was located in an area with easy access to the children present. Additionally, the children present were dirty with the residence being in a filthy state.

Lola BRAINTREE was arrested for violations of _____ of the _____ (Child Endangerment ;) _____ of the _____ Code (Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana); and _____ of the _____ Code (Possession of drug paraphernalia) and booked into the Butte County Jail without incident.

Butte County Children’s Services Social Worker Erin Swag was on scene and took custody of the two children located at the residence, along with BRAINTREE’S two other children, Justin age 9, DOB: _____ and Jason age 11, DOB: _____. Both of these children were contacted by Children’s Services staff at Helen Wilcox Elementary School, where



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Children's Services took custody of them.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On February 19, 2012, at approximately 0800 hours, personnel from the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) consisting of Commander Keith, along with Detectives Sam, Justin, Bill, Lamar, myself, Probation Officer Mark from the Butte County Probation Department, Sheriff's Deputy Dave from the Butte County Sheriff's Department, in addition to California Highway Patrol Officer's Ed, and Patrol Sergeant Phil, conducted a briefing at the South Office regarding the planned execution of a search warrant at 121 Walk Blvd., Space 1, Oroville, Butte County, California.

I authored search warrant #BSW12-000, which was signed by the Honorable Butte County Superior Court Judge Steven Barker on February 18, 2012. This search warrant is for the search of the residence at 121 Walk Blvd., Space 1, Oroville, Butte County, California and the person of Lola BRAINTREE for evidence of child endangerment, possession of controlled substances, and trafficking of controlled substances.

At approximately 0848 hours, the aforementioned personnel approached the single wide mobile home at 121 Walk Blvd, Space 1, in Oroville California which is located in a mobile home park. Personnel approached the mobile home's closed front door where I knocked loudly and yelled "police, search warrant, open the door". Lola BRAINTREE came to the front door, where she was detained in handcuffs. Located in the front living room, adjacent to the kitchen area was Summer FRAMPTON, a friend of Lola's who was holding Lola's youngest child, three (3) year old Lester while eight (8) year old Jennifer was standing nearby. No one else was located in the home. BRAINTREE, FRAMPTON and the two children were asked to sit on a couch in the front living room.

Upon entering the residence, I noticed the immediate smells that I associate with the odor of decaying food and soiled wet clothing. Inside the front living room area I observed what appeared to be mounds of soiled and filthy clothing which were located in the south west corner. Prior to having the subjects in the residence sit on the living room couch, I searched the couch and found numerous items such as dirty food encrusted silverware, spoiled food, and miscellaneous papers under the cushions of the couch, along with dirt and filth that appeared to have been there a long time.

I searched the person of Lola BRAINTREE and located evidence item S-1, a broken glass smoking pipe of the type commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. I also located a clear plastic zip lock baggie, containing evidence item S-2, which was 1.05 grams net weight of a green leafy substance later tested to be presumptive positive for marijuana. These items were found in the left front pants pocket of Lola BRAINTREE. I later removed residue from S-1, which tested presumptively positive for methamphetamine.



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In searching the residence, I noticed areas of concern in the kitchen. I noticed the sink full of dirty dishes along with the adjacent counter to be full of dirty dishes also and the kitchen table to have food remnants all over it. Personnel that bumped-up against the table had food remnants stick to their uniform. In walking around the kitchen area, I noticed my shoes were sticking to the floor, due to the numerous food remnants on the floor. Looking at the floor air duct register in the kitchen, I could see where food remnants had stuck in the register grill and had been left. The kitchen's refrigerator was turned sideways and was not being used, due to the electricity being turned off to this home since November of last year. I later talked to Lola BRAINTREE who advised she had been using the kitchen's filthy gas oven to heat the home by leaving the oven door ajar while having the oven's burner operating. On the ceiling in the kitchen area, I noticed what appeared to be soot or scorch marks. I later talked to Lola BRAINTREE who reported this mark was from using an oil lamp to close to the ceiling. BRAINTREE was using oil lamps and candles for light in the evening hours, due to the absence of electricity.

The carpeted area of the living room had numerous dirt particles all over it, giving the appearance the carpet had not been vacuumed and/or cleaned in some time, along with numerous cluttered papers on an adjacent table. The carpet in the hallway was also found to be littered with dirt and debris.

The south bedroom had two bunk beds along its north wall. These beds were cluttered and piled with soiled, smelly children's clothes. The small floor area in the bedroom was also covered and cluttered with the same. The top bunk bed was close to the ceiling of this room and was under the room's ceiling light, with its empty dual bulb receptacle within easy access of the children present, if they were on the top bunk. This room particularly had the foul odor that I associate with dirty wet and discarded clothing allowed to pile-up and dry in mounds. I also noticed no sheets or bedding on the bunk beds.

In the sole bathroom, I observed numerous feminine hygiene items such as tampons, apparently soiled with dried blood, that were discarded around the home's toilet. These apparent tampons were scattered about the floor area and on piles of clothes adjacent to the toilet and next to the bathtub. Looking in the bathtub/shower stall, I observed the entire bathtub full of what appeared to be dirty and soiled clothing. The bathroom sink was filthy with what appeared to be a naked Barbie doll lying in this sink. A check of the cabinet area below the sink revealed the cabinet to be full of more soiled and dirty clothes. Also in this cabinet, I observed what appeared to be illegal wiring of a fluorescent lighting fixture in this bathroom. I had previously summoned California Department of Forestry personnel for an impromptu fire assessment inspection of this residence.

California Department of Forestry Fire Engineer Brad Hurst and Firefighter Mike Drake were on scene. Engineer Hurst viewed the aforementioned fluorescent light in the bathroom and noted it to be possibly illegal and obviously dangerous, along with this wiring being forced into the cabinet, which was stuffed with soiled clothing and garments. This bathroom had the strong foul odor of urine and feces, in addition to the soiled clothing smell.



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Fire Engineer Hurst had previously pointed out the aforementioned scorch or soot mark noted in the kitchen area. Engineer Hurst also pointed out the home had no fire detector along with no carbon monoxide detector, which Engineer Hurst was particularly concerned about, due to the home being heated by the gas oven, which was being used with its door ajar, allowing the heated combustion by product gases to vent into the home's interior. Engineer Hurst felt with no carbon monoxide detector in the home, there could possibly be the potential for death or injury to occupants of this residence in using the oven in this manner.

A search of the north bedroom yielded S-3, a glass smoking pipe of the type commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. This item was found in the left jacket pocket of a dark colored women's jacket that was hung adjacent to the north bedroom entrance door, just inside the room. The pocket where the glass pipe was found was measured with a tape measure at approximately thirty-five (35") inches from the floor of the bedroom. This places the pipe well within the reach of even the youngest child present, who was measured as being approximately forty (40") inches tall, with a measured reach of approximately forty-seven (47") inches. I later removed residue from this glass pipe, which I observed to test presumptively positive for methamphetamine. Looking inside this pipe, one could see the significant amount of off-white methamphetamine residue inside it.

Also located in the north bedroom was evidence item S-4, indicia in the name of suspect Lola BRAINTREE, in the form of a letter from the Butte County Child Support Services, dated January 1, 2012, along with a 'WIC' authorization folder in the name of Lola BRAINTREE. These items were found on the floor in the northeast corner of the north bedroom. This bedroom was found in a condition described as being filthy, with soiled and dirty clothing piled on the bed and the floor to the point one would have to walk on such to maneuver around this small bedroom. I also noted on the floor of the bedroom, a tangle of apparent extension cords. Fire Engineer Hurst was also concerned regarding this tangle of extension cords, along with the wiring in the northeast closet of the north bedroom. This area of the closet appeared to have the main electrical service to the home exposed, where the electrical panels protective cover had been removed d permitting one to touch or handle the entire electrical box. I later spoke to Lola BRAINTREE who reported the home has not had electrical power since November of last year. Also located in this bedroom was a small puppy dog, along with what appeared to be feces from such on the floor area. Located outside the home's rear door was an older dog.

Detective Lamar and I spoke to Jennifer alone. In summary, Jennifer reported the home smelled funny because her brother and the dogs go "poo-poo" in the home. Jennifer indicated Lester, her three year old sibling, is learning to o be "potty-trained". Jennifer reported that she is eight years old and attends Helen Wilcox School. Jennifer reported that she cannot ride the school bus but did not know why. Jennifer was able to articulate number sequences and was able to articulate colors, as well as articulate knowing the difference between the truth and lie.

When asked if her mother smoked, Jennifer reported her mother smoked something green. When asked what this smells like, Jennifer replied, "Yucky". Jennifer was asked if she saw her mother smoke a pipe and she replied, "No". In response to questioning Jennifer said



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that she took a bath last night at a friend's house. Jennifer advised the bathtub at her home has been full of clothes for the past four weeks. Jennifer reported that she has not had a toothbrush for the past two weeks. Jennifer stated that she did not have breakfast today or yesterday and typically doesn't eat breakfast unless at school. Jennifer advised that she had no dinner last night and is hungry. Jennifer added there is no milk in the home. Jennifer advised that she would like her mother to stop smoking and added that she has heard her mother call what she smokes, "weed". Jennifer indicated that she is ridiculed in school by other children, in part because she has been sent home from school due to having nits and/or lice in her hair. Jennifer said her hair was shampooed last night.

I and Detective Bill spoke to Lola BRAINTREE in the kitchen area of this residence. I read Lola BRAINTREE her Miranda rights. BRAINTREE understood her rights and waived them. I tape recorded my conversation with BRAINTREE; however the tape recorder failed due to the batteries going dead. In summary, BRAINTREE reported that she and her four children have lived here since October of last year. BRAINTREE reported there has not been electricity in the home since November of last year because of an outstanding amount she owes to Pacific Gas and Electric. I asked BRAINTREE about frequent reports that numerous subjects come and go from her trailer. BRAINTREE reported people coming and going from her home are due to the friends of her older eleven year old son. BRAINTREE denied having anything to do with the selling of any illicit controlled substance. Regarding the illicit controlled substance use, BRAINTREE reported that she has been using methamphetamine approximately twice a week and does such in the bedroom of her home, typically while her children are in the living room area of the home. Lola BRAINTREE reported that she only uses meth when someone else brings it to her home. Regarding the pipe found in her bedroom, BRAINTREE confirmed the jacket the pipe was found in was hers, along with the glass pipe. BRAINTREE reported this pipe was the one she used this past Monday evening when she last ingested methamphetamine. I explained to BRAINTREE my concern for the location of the glass pipe and her children being able to access such. BRAINTREE was in agreement the glass pipe was found in a location where her children could access it. Braintree also agreed a child exposed to the pipe could be harmful for the child. BRAINTREE reported that the children have stayed home from school due to having the flu and lice.

I asked BRAINTREE regarding the bloody feminine hygiene products found in the bathroom? BRAINTREE stated that she was oblivious to this since she hasn't had a period in approximately two months. BRAINTREE reported that she spent last night here in this home. BRAINTREE reported they use candles and oil lamps for light inside the home in the absence of electricity. BRAINTREE reported when using the oven for heat, she has the windows in the home open for ventilation. When asked, BRAINTREE reported the condition of the home as not being that dirty.

As Detective Bill and I spoke to BRAINTREE, I noticed BRAINTREE had a difficult time keeping her hands still. BRAINTREE's pupils appeared to be within the normal size range. Detective Bill measured BRAINTREE's pulse at 142 beats per minute, well above the norm of 60 to 90 beats a minute. Regarding the glass pipe marked item S-1 located in the left front pants



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pocket, BRAINTREE said the pipe was not hers and belonged to a person who had previously lived here with her, but moved out approximately two weeks ago. BRAINTREE answered she does not have a medicinal recommendation for the use of marijuana. Detective Bill spoke to BRAINTREE regarding her receiving welfare benefits.

This interview was recorded and the tape subsequently marked evidence item S-5. Photographs were taken of the conditions of the residence both before a search of the property was conducted, and at the conclusion of the search, along with all of the evidence items seized. These photos are subsequently marked evidence item S-6.

Butte County Animal Control Officers were summoned and took custody of the two aforementioned dogs and rabbit at the home. Seized items in the home were photographed by Detective Justin.

I took custody of Lola BRAINTREE for violations of _____ (child endangerment); _____ (possession of less than an ounce of marijuana); and _____ (possession of drug paraphernalia). Lola BRAINTREE was driven to the Butte County Jail by Probation Officer Mark, where she was booked without incident on the aforementioned charges.

While at the Butte County Jail, BRAINTREE submitted a urine sample that was witnessed by female Butte County Correctional Officer Dodi at approximately 1100 hours. Probation Officer Mark relinquished this sample to me, where I subsequently marked it evidence item S-7 and placed this urine sample into the Butte County Probation Department urine testing protocol system at approximately 1200 hours.

On February 19, 2012 at approximately 1500 hours, I called and spoke to Doctor Angela Rosas, a pediatrician with the University of California Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) IN Sacramento, California, regarding her expert opinion in this investigation.

Doctor Rosas is a pediatrician at the UCDMC Child and Adolescent Abuse Resource and Evaluation (CAARE) Diagnostic Treatment Center. She examines approximately five hundred (500) children each year for sexual abuse, physical abuse and general neglect. Doctor Rosas weekly reviews all child abuse cases seen at the UCDMC, which total approximately 1700 each year. Her current research projects include “The Medical Clearances Exam”, “Drug Endangered Children”, and “The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children”, for which she lectures on across the country.

After apprizing Doctor Rosas of this investigation and the circumstances the aforementioned children were found in, Doctor Rosas reported any of the children present could have easily gained access to the aforementioned methamphetamine pipe, S-3, and obtained such, and as children often do in emulating parents or adults in using such a device, by placing it in their mouth, where the child could ingest methamphetamine. Doctor Rosas reported that ingestion of methamphetamine could bring about health complications to a child up to and



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including, death, depending on the amount ingested, by way of tremors, seizures, stroke, and followed possibly by coma or death. Regarding the aforementioned discarded feminine hygiene products, with what appeared to be blood on them, Doctor Rosas; reported children exposed to such items could easily and/or potentially contract illnesses such as HIV or hepatitis. Regarding the dog feces that were found in the home, Doctor Rosas reported that contact with such could potentially endangered the children with numerous types of illnesses resulting in diarrhea. Regarding the condition of the home being unsanitary, Doctor Rosas advised that in those type of conditions, children that are often not fed at least three meals a day plus snacks are often mal-nourished which could entice children to eat food that would otherwise not be ingested resulting in other diseases and sicknesses. Regarding the children's personal hygiene, or lack thereof, and the recent case of lice and/or nits with Jennifer, Doctor Rosas added that lack of personal hygiene can promote skin conditions such as scabies or impetigo leading to severe itching and infection.

It is the opinion of Doctor Rosas, the conditions and details described by myself found in this investigation concerning the four aforementioned children are likely to cause great bodily injury to the children.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS:

1. BRAINTREE, Lola (Arrested) - 121 Walk Blvd, Space 1, Oroville, California (531) 536-8611, WFA DOB: _____ 5'3", 140 pounds, blond hair, brown eyes, CDL: A1234, SSN: 555-55-5555, CII: none, FBI: none
2. FRAMPTON, Summer (Associate) – WFA, DOB: _____, SSN:555-55-5555.
3. Lester _____ (Detained Child) – DOB: _____
4. Jason _____ (Detained Child) – DOB: _____
5. Jennifer _____ (Detained Child) – DOB: _____
6. Justin _____ (Detained Child) – DOB: _____

EVIDENCE:

S-1 One (1) broken glass smoking pipe of the type commonly used to smoke methamphetamine with found in the left front pants pocket of suspect Lola BRAINTREE. I later removed residue from this pipe, which tested presumptively positive for methamphetamine.

S-2 1.05 grams net weight of a green leafy substance which I tested and was positive with a



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presumptive test for marijuana. S-2 was located in the left front pants pocket of suspect Lola BRAINTREE, along with S-1.

- S-2a One (1) clear plastic zip lock type baggie that was found to contain S-2.
- S-3 One (1) glass smoking pipe of the type commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. Located in a dark colored female jacket in the north or master bedroom of the residence at 121 Walk Blvd, Space 1, Oroville, California. I later removed residue from this pipe, which tested presumptively positive for methamphetamine. Additionally, this item was found approximately thirty-five (35") inches from the floor of the residence.
- S-4 Indicia in the name of Lola BRAINTREE at 121 Walk Blvd, Space 1, Oroville, California in the form of a letter from Butte County Child Support Services, dated January 1, 2012. Also found with this item was a "WIC" authorization folder in the name of suspect Lola BRAINTREE. Located on the floor in the northeast corner of the home's north bedroom.
- S-5 Audio tape of interviews.
- S-6 Photographs of seized evidence and the residence at 121 Walk Blvd, Space 1, Oroville, California.
- S-7 Urine sample submitted by suspect Lola BRAINTREE, which was witnessed by Butte County Correctional Officer D. Hardy at the Butte County Jail on February 19, 2012 at approximately 1100 hours.

Signature of Reporting Agent Date

Signature of Task Force Commander Date

Date typed: