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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office was called to the area of 14983 Pleasant Valley Road in reference to a small child wandering around alone wearing only a diaper 03/07/2013 at approximately 8:53 p.m.

Deputies arrived at the scene and spoke to witnesses who found the child wandering alone. The child was taken into a nearby roller skating rink to be kept warm until E.M.S. personnel arrived. The child was checked and found to be fine. Deputies contacted Children's Services and a case worker arrived at the scene to take custody of the child.

While deputies were still at the scene a vehicle occupied by 23 year old Douglas M. Botts (**Mr. Botts**) and 25 year old Christine A. Buckalew (**Mrs. Buckalew**) pulled up. The two were identified as the parents of the child who was found to be 2 years old.

Mrs. Buckalew told deputies that she had left the child asleep at her residence at 14983 Pleasant Valley Road to go "hang out and watch movies at a friend's house". Mrs. Buckalew said that "she had been under a lot of stress lately and had made a poor decision".

Mrs. Buckalew and Mr. Botts were arrested and charged with child endangering and transported to the Ross County Jail awaiting arraignment.