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**Woman Sentenced For Kidnapping Three Children
of Slain Mother**

A 23-year-old woman was sentenced today to 13 years in state prison for kidnapping three children of her half-sister who was killed last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

In July, Brittney Sue Humphrey pleaded no contest to three counts of kidnapping.

Deputy District Attorney Tal Kahana with the Child Abduction Section prosecuted the case.

Humphrey and her 28-year-old boyfriend, Joshua Robertson, allegedly kidnapped the three young children of Kimberly Harvill in August 2016. The three children were ages 5, 3 and 2 when the crime occurred.

The children were later found abandoned in New Mexico at a motel. Humphrey and Robertson were arrested later in Colorado.

Robertson and Alex Valdez, 29, have been charged with murdering Harvill, whose body was discovered in a remote area of Gorman. They also face a special circumstance allegation of lying in wait, making them eligible for the death penalty.

A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

Robertson also was charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a felon and two counts of an unrelated arson and one count of possession of flammable material.

Robertson is scheduled to return Sept. 25 for a preliminary hearing. Valdez is set for a pretrial hearing on Oct. 30.

Case BA449493 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.