

# Truck stop kids saved

Elkhorn employees  
find homeless teens  
on road from Georgia

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**ELKHORN** — A homeless truck-driver has been arrested and charged after workers at a truck stop restaurant alerted police that the man's children were left alone there for nearly 12 hours.

Employees at the Loves Travel Stop along I-43 gave the two children free food and then called police, who arrested the truck-driver on suspicion of abusing and neglecting his children.

The two kids — a 15-year-old girl and 14-year-old boy — told

police they had been on the road with their father ever since the family lost their home more than a year ago in Macon, Georgia.

The kids also reported that their father had physically abused them.

Workers at the Love Travel Stop said they sensed trouble when the children were at the truck stop's Hardee's fast-food restaurant on Jan. 2 from 1 p.m. until almost midnight.

Employee Jennifer Schmidt said the truck stop, located at I-43 and state Highway 67, gets its fair share of transient customers and colorful characters from the road.

"But teenage kids? No," Schmidt said. "That was odd to me."

The children later told police

that their father had lost his temper and had scuffled with them, including using his forearm to choke the boy.

Police found the father, Terry



**Bronson**

L. Bronson, inside a semitrailer parked out in the parking lot. Bronson, 54, was charged with felony physical abuse of a child, two counts of misdemeanor

neglecting a child, and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

If convicted on all charges, he could face up to seven years and nine months in prison.

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The Loves Travel Stop truck stop at I-43 and state Highway 67 in Elkhorn includes a Hardee's fast-food restaurant where police Jan. 2 found two homeless children from Macon, Georgia.