

## TWO CHARGED IN BEATING OF 87 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER

TROY, Mo. – Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney, Leah Wommack Askey announced today that Mark Kerpash, 28, of Hawk Point ,and Jennifer Coleman, 27, of Fulton, have been charged with Burglary, Robbery, Elder Abuse, and Financial Exploitation of the Elderly in connection with an incident that occurred on January 27, 2014 West of Hawk Point on Highway 47. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department arrested Kerpash and Coleman late Wednesday night in Winfield.

"I am glad law enforcement was able to apprehend them as quickly as they did and before someone else was victimized. Elder abuse is a crime that I am particularly passionate about because those victims typically cannot fight back and are genuinely innocent in the crime", said Askey. "My job is to protect the victim and ensure her safety and I intend to do whatever it takes to facilitate that result."

Kerpash is being held in the Lincoln County Jail without bail. Coleman, is being held on \$500,000 cash only bail.

**This case will be prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Leah Wommack Askey. It was investigated by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.**

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