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Ukiah man sentenced to prison for elder abuse

A man who severely beat his live-in companion in their Ukiah home was sentenced this past Wednesday, October 5, 2011, to six years in state prison by Judge Clay Brennan in Mendocino County Superior Court.

Charles Arthur Nickerman, 54, had previously admitted criminal liability in July. His case was then referred to the probation department for a background investigation and sentencing recommendation.

Following an investigation by Ukiah police into the June 26, 2011 attack, Nickerman was arrested, formally charged, and ultimately pled guilty to having physically abused an elderly victim and, in the course of doing so, of having also inflicted great bodily injury. Deputy District Attorney Shannon Cox prosecuted the case, which concluded Wednesday with Nickerman's sentencing.

District Attorney David Eyster said Thursday that the 69-year-old woman who Nickerman pummeled suffered a fractured rib in the course of what Eyster described as a terrible beating. "The pictures of the woman taken before she was rushed to the hospital would have been difficult for a jury to view, let alone accept," said Eyster.