

Prison time in death of Douglas County grandma

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A Nevada woman has been sentenced to up to six years in prison for neglect causing the death of her 93-year-old grandmother, whose feet were gnawed by rodents before she died in her trash-filled, urine-stained home.

A Douglas County district judge sentenced Jamie Dawn Lummus last week to 28 to 72 months for the death of Nola Moder.



Jamie Dawn
Lummus

Lummus had cared for Moder for eight years before she was arrested in June and charged with felony neglect of an elderly person resulting in death.

Sheriff's deputies say Lummus blamed the neglect on memory loss caused by her pain medication.

Deputies responding to the Caron Valley home where the two lived said the smell of urine was overwhelming. They found food boxes and trash piled in the corners, urine- and blood-stained carpet, rodent feces on almost every surface of every room, and a dead rodent in the closet, according to a police report.

Lummus' attorney, Jamie Henry, said that Moder loved her

granddaughter and Lummus stepped up to help when no one else would. He said Lummus would take her grandmother to appointments and help clean her up as needed.

Lummus has no prior criminal history, but District Court Judge Tom Gregory said the case was one of the most extreme he'd ever seen.