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Raleigh grandmother with slashed throat escapes

By [The Associated Press](#)

BRADLEY, W.Va. -- A 73-year-old woman ran for help after police say her son and grandson slashed her throat, threw her in the back of a pickup and threatened to throw her off the New River Gorge Bridge.

Forty-seven-year-old Michael Burnette and his 21-year-old son, Christopher, were arrested Wednesday. Both are charged with attempted murder, malicious wounding, kidnapping and conspiracy.

The Bradley men were being held Thursday at Southern Regional Jail on bonds of \$1 million each.

Police say that after the woman's throat was slit, she was bound, covered with plastic and thrown in the truck.

She later escaped and ran to a convenience store for help. She was listed in stable condition at Raleigh General Hospital.

Police did not provide a motive for the crime.

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