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**KNXV-TV**: A mother accused of child abuse was allegedly caught in the act during a covert operation at Tucson's university medical center. 21-year-old Blanca Montano is accused of intentionally making her girl sick. Police believe she was feeding the girl feces to cause infection. The 7-month-old was treated more than a month at university medical center and doctors noticed the girl's condition got worse whenever she was left alone with Montano. She set up a hidden camera in the infant's room. After repeated medical efforts to address the symptoms, sooner or later the physicians come to realize that these symptoms are something that are being induced by the caregiver. Investigators believe Montana was suffering from a condition where parents make their kids sick to get attention for themselves.

**KVOA-TV**: Breast cancer is a leading killer of women and studies show Hispanic women are much more likely to die from the disease than Caucasian women, even though they are less likely to actually get it. Betty Villegas, a breast cancer survivor, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004. Villegas said, "I still get really emotional just thinking about that day and I didn't want to believe it." Cancer free, Betty says she's trying to stay that way with regular check-ups. Villegas said, "You just never know when it can come back." Studies show that Hispanic woman are more likely to get breast cancer at later stages than other woman and that's why the Arizona Cancer Center advises Hispanic woman to get checked out sooner than later. Angela Valencia, a research specialist at the Arizona Cancer Center says low income, inability to speak English, and lack of awareness are just a few reasons why Hispanic woman aren't getting tested early. Valencia said, "There's so much education that some of Latina women don't have, so it's very important that they go out and get that education in their language and know their options." Even more importantly, if breast cancer runs in your family, you're considered a high risk. Valencia said, "There's no reason to have a fear of knowing that you have breast cancer because we know that if it's detected early there's great chances for survival." Bottom line, it's never too early to get tested.