

## Lightning Jolts Woman at Computer

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Blue Lake Township, Michigan

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Lightning that traveled through a home's wiring injured a Blue Lake Township woman sitting at her computer Thursday night.

Blue Lake Township fire and Professional Med Team Ambulance were called to a medical emergency at about 10 p.m. in the 11000 block Nichols Road. Debbie Bevins, who according to a sheriff's report is 41, sustained injuries when lightning apparently **traveled through a phone line** and injured her while she was sitting at her computer, according to Blue Lake Township Fire Chief Kim Busman.

"I'm just speculating, but we could not find any other reason for why she was hit," said Busman.

Bevins was conscious and alert when medical personnel arrived.

Her daughter ran to neighbor Diana Wishman's house across the street to use the phone to dial 911. Wishman said the young woman was a bit frantic because her mom was on the floor and couldn't get up.

Wishman said she talked to Bevins Friday afternoon, and she appeared to be OK. "Apparently, the lightning blew out all of the light bulbs, the computer, the phones and the TV," said Wishman.