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Lionel Richie: JAIL BEST PLACE FOR TROUBLED NICOLE

SINGER Lionel Richie has laid down the law to his wild child Nicole – saying that jail just might do her some good!

The Grammy winner decided tough love is the best route – after his 25-year-old daughter's Dec. 11 arrest, while heading against traffic on a busy Los Angeles freeway.

"Lionel's stood behind Nicole through three arrests, drug rehab and her drastic weight loss," a family friend told *The ENQUIRER*.

"But enough is enough!"

Lionel held an intervention with his pot-smoking daughter last October, begging her to get treatment, said the friend.

"But all she agreed to was some outpatient medical tests. Lionel was incredibly disappointed.

"When he heard of her latest arrest, he sighed to a friend: 'Let

her go to jail. It might do her some good. Maybe it will frighten some sense into her.'"

Nicole was first arrested for DUI when she was 20. Two years later in 2003, she was arrested for driving with a revoked license and

possession of heroin. She was given probation and went into drug rehab.

Lionel loves his troubled daughter with all his heart, but he's at his wit's end, divulged the friend.

In her December DUI bust, Nicole was stopped by police in the car pool lane after driving against traffic. She

admitted she had taken Vicodin and smoked pot. When she was booked, 5-foot-1 Nicole weighed a skeletal 85 pounds.

"Lionel feels that maybe jail time will finally give Nicole a serious chance to face all her problems head on. It may be a blessing in disguise." **by ROBIN MIZRAHI**

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