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### **CHILD ABUSE ARREST 1120 EAST IRVINGTON ROAD**

On November 26, 2013, at 1:38 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to Kino Hospital in reference to a 2-month old female baby who had been brought in with serious, life threatening injuries. The baby was brought to the hospital by her parents. She was transferred to UMC Hospital due to the serious nature of the injuries.

Detectives from the Dependent Child Unit responded to continue the investigation. They determined that the child was in the care and custody of the father at the time of the incident. The investigation revealed that the baby was intentionally dropped by the father causing serious head trauma.

The father was identified as 18-year old Anthony Esparza. He was arrested and booked into the Pima County Jail for 1 count of Child Abuse. A booking photograph is not yet available. The baby remains in the hospital in critical condition.

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