
NEWS RELEASE

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FOUND INFANT SAFE HAVEN REMINDER

On the evening of October 20, 2012, the Tucson Police Department responded to an apartment complex located in the 200 Block of East Prince Road after a 911 call was received, indicating that an infant had been found at that location. Officers from Operations Division West as well as detectives from the Dependent Child Unit responded to the complex in order to investigate the circumstances surrounding the locating of the infant. They learned that a **newborn, Caucasian female was found inside of a duffle bag** that was left outside of the manager's apartment at the complex. The manager reported that someone rang the doorbell to the apartment just before 8:00 p.m. on October 20, 2012. When the manager opened the door, the duffle bag was found with the baby inside of it. Tucson Fire Department personnel transported the baby girl to a local hospital for evaluation. Medical staff indicated that the **baby appeared to be in good health** and was estimated to be **no more than 4 to 6 days old**. The child has been released to the custody of Child Protective Services personnel. The identity of the mother of the child is not known. However, the Tucson Police Department would like to conduct a check of her welfare to ensure that she is not in need of medical attention or other services. Please call 911 or 88-Crime if you know her identity or whereabouts so that the welfare check can be conducted.

The Tucson Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind citizens that newborn babies can be anonymously handed off to health care professionals at various locations. **Hospitals and other agencies throughout Pima County will receive the baby, take care of the baby, and will find the baby a safe home.** Some of the locations that will accept **newborn babies (up to 72 hours old)** include: **all area hospitals, Tucson Fire Department stations, and Casa de los Ninos.** Please visit www.tucsonsafebaby.org for a complete listing of the various locations and agencies that have staff members available to accept the transfer of a child. The Arizona Safe Baby Haven Law allows for newborn infants, 72-hours old or younger, to be dropped off at the specific facilities anonymously. While we are thankful that the baby girl that was left at the apartment complex on October 20, 2012 was in good health, the Tucson Police Department stresses the importance of transferring the child to a health care professional at the specified locations to better insure the health and welfare of a newborn.

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