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Baby Left at Police Station

Denver (August 5, 2007) - A healthy newborn baby girl was found in a cardboard box at a police station in Colorado Springs yesterday (Sat. August 4, 2007). While we won't speculate about what the mother was thinking, it seems she was seeking a safe place for her unwanted baby, and was possibly taking advantage of the Safe Haven law. Under Colorado's Safe Haven law, parents can leave their unharmed baby, up to three days old, at a hospital or fire station, no questions asked.

Police stations are not included as safe haven locations because they do not always have medical staff or facilities. This event highlights the need to continue educating the community about the Safe Haven law, so a mother in crisis knows to take her baby to a Hospital or Fire Station, protecting her infant from harm, and herself from prosecution.

Colorado Safe Haven for Newborns is the non-profit agency working to get the word out about the Safe Haven law. They have a 24-hour toll-free hotline anyone can call -- 866-694-2229. Trained staff will counsel a person in crisis about what to do.

"Our goal is that everyone be aware of this law so that babies and mothers are saved. Through the Safe Haven law the babies will be placed in foster care for adoption, and parents can feel some relief at knowing their babies are safe and will be adopted into loving homes," says Colorado Safe Haven for Newborns President Jack Cozzens.

Colorado Safe Haven for Newborns (CSHN) is an organization that promotes awareness of the state law that is designed to prevent the death of newborns by giving a desperate parent a safe alternative to abandonment. Under the Safe Haven law, either parent may hand over a newborn, 3 days old or younger, to a fire station or hospital. The law promises complete confidentiality, and as long as the baby is unharmed, no criminal charges will be filed.

If people are interested in finding out how they can help support Colorado Safe Haven for newborns they can call 303/795-0416.

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