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Dead Baby Found in Cloth Travel Bag

Denver (March 11, 2010) - The body of a near term fetus or term infant was found in a cloth travel bag at a residence in Westminster yesterday. While the circumstances surrounding the incident are still unknown, it brings to mind heartbreaking stories of infant abandonment.

Colorado has a law to prevent newborn abandonment. Parents can hand over their unwanted baby, up to 72 hours old, to an employee at a fire station or hospital, no questions asked. 29 babies have been saved by the law since its enactment in 2000.

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: 888-510-BABY (888-510-2229). Trained staff will counsel a person in crisis about what to do.

“Our goal is to make everyone aware of the law so these babies will be placed in a safe place and adopted by a loving family,” says Colorado Safe Haven for Newborns President, Wendy Walberg.

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. This law allows a desperate parent a safe alternative. By taking an unwanted newborn to a fire station or hospital, the law permits either parent to hand over his or her baby, up to 72 hours old, with no questions asked. 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 303.919.1758.

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