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### **Mother of Abandoned Baby Arrested**

Denver (July 23, 2010) – The mother of an infant found dead in a Westminster home last March was arrested yesterday.

Colorado has a law designed to eliminate 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. Unfortunately this mother may not have known about the law.

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 are 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.