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Incident: Child Abandonment

Location: 4200 Block of Transport Street

Date/Time Occurred: 6/23/23 at 0057 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, Ventura City Fire, AMR

Suspect(s): Unknown Female

Report #: 23-38945

Narrative:

On the above date and time, employees of a business in the 4200 block of Transport Street heard a female screaming in the rear alley way. They approached the female and saw her remove her pants and immediately give birth to an infant. She placed the infant on the ground, severed the umbilical cord, and quickly ran away from the area. The witness employees called 9-1-1, picked up the infant, and cared for it until paramedics arrived. The infant appeared healthy and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. As of this writing, the infant is in stable condition. Officers conducted an extensive search for the female but were unable to locate her. She is described as a white female with short dark hair who appeared to be unhoused. Anyone with information about her whereabouts is encouraged to call 9-1-1 or 805-650-8010 to report it, as she may be in need of medical care.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind the community that the State of California has a "Safe Surrender" program in which a parent or person with lawful custody can safely surrender a baby confidentially, and without fear of prosecution, within 72 hours of birth, at various locations, including hospitals and fire stations. For further information and additional Safe Surrender locations, refer to the State's website at <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/safely-surrendered-baby/surrender-sites>.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.