



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

February 24, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Child's Identity Known

The identity of the child found at the Shell gas station on Sunday February 21 has been tentatively established. Due to the nature of the on-going investigation and multiple jurisdictions being involved, additional information is not able to be released at this time.

As soon as information can be made public, a release will be issued by this office. The time frame for the release of information can not presently be estimated.

“The Newark Police Department extends its sincere gratitude to our media partners who covered this story and delivered the information to the public,” said Newark Police Chief Paul Tiernan. “The media’s dissemination of the photos and videos led to the identification of the child and the furtherance of this investigation,” said Tiernan.

Prior releases follow.

Media Contact: Lt. Brian Henry, Public Information Officer, 302-366-7110 ext 125 or brian.henry@cj.state.de.us.



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SUBJECT: Update to Abandoned Child Release

- The child was examined by a doctor and was found to be in good health.
- The child has been temporarily placed in a home by the Division of Family Services.
- The identity of the child is still unknown.
- The video surveillance system at the gas station was not functioning. No video from inside the business is available.

This information will be updated as circumstances warrant. There is no specific anticipated time for the next release of information.

Original release follows.

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SUBJECT: Abandoned Child Found at Gas Station

Around 2:45 p.m. today, the Newark Police Department was notified of a child found in the men's restroom at the Shell gas station, 804 south College Avenue, Newark. A patron intending to use the bathroom heard crying from inside. Eventually he entered and found the child inside alone.

At this point, the child's identity, and the identity of the person who left her in the bathroom, are unknown.

The child is a black female, appearing to be around 2 years old. Her hair is pulled up on top of her head. She is wearing a tan puffy winter coat over a size 3T purple shirt with small flower prints scattered on it. She has on size 3T blue jeans with a pink and white design stitched on the left leg. She is also wearing pink, white, and purple sneakers with purple laces, and white ankle socks. Her ears are pierced, but there are no earrings currently in the ear.

Anyone with information about the child is asked to call Newark Police at 302-366-7111.

Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411 (TIP847) to make an anonymous report.

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