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Press Release

To: Press
From: Chief Robert L Weitzel
CC: file
Date: 06/13/2016
Re: Surrendered Infant

Just before 4 PM today, a newborn baby was surrendered to members of the Napoleon Fire Department at their station at 265 W Riverview Ave. The Police Department was called, and responded. The baby was found to be in a healthy state and was turned over to Henry County Job and Family Services under the Safe Haven law.

The child is safe and healthy and will be well cared for. No further information about the child will be released.

The Safe Haven Law was enacted to provide for a parent, or parents, to surrender the newborn child to safety without fear of prosecution. The law was established in Ohio in April of 2001 and hoped to encourage those that could not properly care for the child to take this course instead of other more dangerous alternative.

This was a very difficult decision to make. Still a better alternative than some we have all heard about.

You may find more information about the Safe Haven Law at;

<http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/safehavens/index.stm>

Chief R L Weitzel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Weitzel".