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**Woman Charged with Child Abuse
After Abandoning Newborn**

A 37-year-old woman accused of giving birth and abandoning her baby in a restroom is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Marygrace Trinidad (dob 10/27/78) has been charged with one felony count of child abuse in case KA111834.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 1:30 p.m. today in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$100,000.

Deputy District Attorney Deborah Shaw Scott, who is assigned to the case, said on Feb. 15, Trinidad reportedly arrived at a West Covina restaurant and entered the public restroom.

While Trinidad was inside the restroom, restaurant employees allegedly heard noises coming from inside. Trinidad then reportedly exited the restroom and left the restaurant, the prosecutor added.

When the restaurant employees entered the restroom, they found a newborn baby in the toilet. The employees then called 911 for help and medical emergency personnel arrived to tend to the child, according to the prosecutor.

Soon after, law enforcement located Trinidad and she was arrested in connection with the incident.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of six years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.