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Mother Charged with Abandoning Baby in Whittier Parking Lot

A 41-year-old mother was charged today for allegedly abandoning her newborn baby in a parking lot, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dolores Adriana Cruz (dob 9/4/77), a transient, faces one felony count of child abuse in case VA149530.

Arrest is scheduled today in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Downey Branch.

On Dec. 22, a good Samaritan heard a baby crying near the 11600 block of Washington Boulevard in Whittier and discovered the victim naked on the pavement, prosecutors said. Police were called and they allegedly located the mother nearby, prosecutors added.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail is requested at \$100,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's 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.