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### News Release

**Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff**

Classification : Child Endangerment

Incident Date : 11-08-12

Author/Date/Time : M. Rust/11-08-12/2:30PM

Incident Time : 9AM

Lancaster Sheriff's Station conducted an intense hour's long search after receiving a call regarding a two month old child that had possibly been abandoned by its father.

The incident began when deputies received a call from a concerned informant shortly after 9 Thursday morning.

The caller reported that at approximately 1am Thursday he picked up a man (later identified as Suspect Cox) and a baby at 20th Street West and Avenue J and gave them a ride to an alley near 13th Street West and Avenue I. The caller said that after he dropped Cox and the baby off near the alley, he drove home. He said he later decided to go back to the alley and check on the baby. When he arrived, He found Cox however the baby was gone. When asked about the baby, Cox stated that he had taken the baby to a relative's house. The informant said Cox then asked him if he could help find the baby. The informant said when he asked if the baby was with relatives, Cox said oh yeah I forgot.

The informant said he then returned home and at approximately 9 this morning he decided to call Lancaster Station and report the incident.

When deputies arrived at the alley on 13th Street West, Cox could not be found. Several Lancaster units immediately began searching for Cox and the baby, while station detectives went to the shopping center where the informant first saw Cox. The detectives were able to get a picture of Cox and the baby from a security camera at one of the stores. Armed with the picture, assisting units located and detained Cox in the area of 10th Street West and Avenue J. Cox eventually told the deputies that he had taken the baby to his home, located in the 44100 block of Elm Avenue, Lancaster. When the deputies went to the home, they learned that Cox and the baby's mother were living in a shed attached to the rear of the garage. The baby and mother were found inside the shed. The baby appeared to be in good health. Based on the baby's living conditions, he was taken into protective custody by The Department Of Children and Family Services.

Cox was arrested and faces Child Endangerment charges. His bail is set at \$100,000

The baby's mother was not arrested.

Detectives are still investigating the incident.

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