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Infant exposed to illicit drugs; parents arrested

Riverside, CA – In the early morning of August 5, 2009, the Riverside Police Communications Center received a call from Parkview Hospital with regard to a baby that was brought to the Emergency Room in medical distress. After drugs were detected in the infant's system, the mother left the hospital without the baby being treated, against medical advice.

Officers responded to the hospital and initiated their investigation along with personnel from Child Protective Services, which led them to a house in the 11900 block of Herman Way. When officers arrived at the home, they located the father, additional children, and a quantity of illegal drugs.

Investigators from the Departments' Child Abuse Unit responded to assist and the mother and child were safely located at a nearby residence. The child was ultimately taken to a hospital by ambulance for treatment. Arrested for Child Endangerment and Possession of a Controlled Substance were Natalie Garcia (33) and Rudy Gonzalez (34) both of Riverside. Riverside County Child Protective Services assumed custody of the other children found in the home.

Anyone with information related to this investigation can contact Detective Roberta Hopewell at (951)353-7124.

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