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OFFICER HELPS DELIVER BABY AFTER EMERGENCY 911 CALL

A New Bern police officer helped deliver a baby girl Sunday morning after responding to an unknown 911 call at 1406 Simmons St. Apt. F5.

The New Bern Emergency Communications Center received a call around 9:13 Sunday morning but were unable to determine the type of emergency at the location due to an extreme language barrier between the caller and the telecommunicator. Officers were dispatched to the residence to investigate.

The first officer on scene was met by a Burmese man, who spoke little English, but was able to communicate that his wife was pregnant. When the officer reached the woman, she was in full labor. While awaiting emergency medical personnel, the telecommunicator, who was still on the line, could hear the sounds of a baby crying. The little girl was born about ten minutes after the 911 call was placed.

The father caught the baby as she was born, and the officer placed her in blankets he found in a nearby diaper bag. He quickly began to untangle the umbilical cord which had become wrapped around the baby's neck during delivery. He continued to hold the baby and assist EMS after they arrived on scene.

The baby was transported to CarolinaEast Medical Center. The New Bern police officer went to the hospital to check on the newborn, and confirmed the baby is healthy and doing well.

The New Bern Police Department is committed to Community Policing. Citizens are encouraged to become a **"Partner in Policing,"** by reporting suspected illegal activity to the New Bern Police Department's **TIPS** line at **(252) 636-5034** or the Craven County Crime Stoppers line at 633-5141.

For additional information, please contact Beth Stevenson, Public Information Officer at the New Bern Police Department at (252) 672-4211.

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