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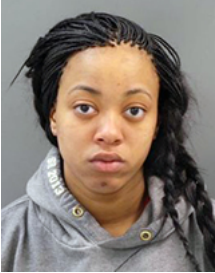
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ST. LOUIS, MO. (AP)- A teenager from the O'Fallon neighborhood in north St. Louis was charged Tuesday with abandonment of a corpse, a felony, after police say she gave birth to a baby and abandoned it in a trash bin.



The infant girl was found dead by paramedics Thanksgiving morning. She was dead at the time of delivery earlier that morning, court documents say.

Lucretia Jordan-Smith, 18, of the 4200 block of Red Bud Avenue, could face up to four years in prison for the charge. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Paramedics recovered the baby in the trash in an alley behind her apartment building near Fairground Park. The baby was wrapped in two plastic grocery bags and a larger trash bag. A paramedic told a detective his crew responded after a 911 call. A young woman reported that a friend had called her, and the friend said she had just given birth and had put the baby in the trash bin. Jordan-Smith admitted to police she had wrapped the infant in the bags and put the baby in the bin.

Police said Jordan-Smith was a college student, home for the holiday. She initially told police she did not know she was pregnant. The baby was born during the third trimester and weighed 3 pounds, 7 ounces, officials said.

The baby's body was not claimed by the family, and St. Louis police detectives arranged to have a funeral for the baby, whom they named Raguel. Raguel is the angel of justice, a detective explained.