

Police: Newborn Found Alive In In Trash Can; Mom Arrested

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GREENVILLE, SC (FOX Carolina) - A woman has been charged after her newborn baby boy was found in a trash can outside a Greenville home on Monday, according to police.



Greenville police said a homeowner was there to check on the house on Chaney Street in the Nicholtown community when he noticed a trail of blood.

Police said the blood trail led to the trash can, where the newborn was found along with bloody towels. The baby was still alive, but he was in critical condition when he was found.

According to warrants, the baby was in a plastic grocery bag which was wrapped in a pink blanket. Police said the baby was in critical condition when he was found.

Police said they did not know how long the child had been there.

The baby's mother, 28-year-old Sharon Ferguson, was taken into custody for questioning in front of a liquor store at Laurens Road and East Washington Street, police confirmed.

Ferguson was later charged with one count of attempted murder and one count of unlawful neglect of a child or helpless person. Her bond was set at \$125,000.

Public Relations Director for the South Carolina Department of Social Services Marilyn Matheus said the baby was in "good condition" on Tuesday afternoon.

According to Matheus, the child will go into foster care before a hearing will be held where DSS will most likely take the child into custody.

She said a notice for parental rights will then go out to give the child's parents a chance to come forward to claim the boy.

If no one comes forward or is not eligible to take care of the child, the baby will be put up for adoption, according to Matheus.

Officer Johnathan Bragg said Ferguson was brought to the hospital on Tuesday after she requested to go. He said she refused treatment on Monday.

Police said they want to remind people of the safe haven law that provides options for people needing to give up infants up to 30 days old.