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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Suspect in Murder of Baby IN-CUSTODY**

On Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:20 pm, officers responded to a report that a baby had possibly been thrown from an upper level of the parking structure at CHOC Hospital at 455 S. Main Street. The 7-month-old boy (earlier reported to be 3-months-old) was rushed to UCIMC in critical condition.

Investigators interviewed witnesses and viewed video from surveillance cameras in the parking structure. The license plate of a vehicle leaving the structure soon after the incident was captured on video surveillance. The vehicle was occupied by a lone female driver. That vehicle was registered to an address in La Habra.

During the investigation, we received a call from the La Habra Police Department. A man in La Habra had reported that his wife, Sonia Hermosillo and their 7-month-old son were missing.

Investigators determined that Sonia Hermosillo had been driving a tan 2000 Chevy Blazer, which matched the vehicle seen earlier in the surveillance video. At 10:15 pm, that vehicle was seen by an Orange Police patrol officer driving past CHOC Hospital on Main Street. The vehicle was stopped by officers and Sonia Hermosillo was detained without incident. There was a child seat in the vehicle, but no baby.

Sonia Hermosillo was brought to the Orange Police Department for questioning. At the conclusion of the investigation, she was booked at Orange County Jail for one count of Attempted Murder.

On Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 9:25 am, 7-month-old Noe Medina Jr. died from injuries sustained during the incident. Sonia Hermosillo will now be charged with one count of Murder. Her bail has been set at \$ 1 million.

#### **Suspect**:

Sonia Hermosillo Date of Birth: 2-16-80 Address: La Habra