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## ARREST MADE IN KIDNAP OF 2 MONTH OLD CHILD

**(San Diego, CA)** San Diego Police Department officers and detectives have arrested Talia Gone, 31, for the abduction of a 2 month old baby from the East Village today. The baby is in good health and has been reunited with her mother.

This morning, Talia Gone approached the 16 year old mother as she pushed her 2 month old baby in a stroller in the area of San Diego City College. Gone struck up a conversation about the baby and told the young mother about a program at San Diego City College for teen mothers. Gone lead the young mother to believe that she worked at the Child Development Center at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and "B" Street. The 2 spent some time together and went into the downtown area. They eventually returned to the City College area and Gone encouraged the mother to go to the campus of Garfield High School to get some paperwork so she could enroll in the teen mother program. Gone told the mother that she would take the baby into the Child Development Center to care for her in the meantime. The mother watched as Gone pushed the baby stroller to the Child Development Center.

The mother returned to the Child Development Center a short time later and learned that her baby was not there and Gone was not an employee. Staff at the Child Development Center reported the abduction to the San Diego Police Department.

The description of Gone, the baby and the stroller were broadcast to San Diego Police officers, as well as allied agencies. Officers and detectives searched the area and notified local transit and trolley authorities about the abduction. The San Diego Police Department Air Support Unit assisted in the search, making announcements about the missing child and suspect.

At about 3:25 p.m., San Diego Police officer Michelle Hansen observed a woman matching the suspect's description exit the trolley at the Iris Street trolley station. The woman was pushing a baby in a stroller that matched the broadcast description. Officer Hansen contacted the woman to investigate the possibility that this was the suspect and she noticed the baby was wearing the white "onesie" with a blue bunny described by the mother. Another officer took a picture of the baby to assist in the identification because of the distance from the mother.

Talia Gone (07-13-79) was arrested without incident and was charged with one count of kidnapping, one count of child abduction and one count of child endangerment.

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