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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event:	10/22/2012 0130 hours
Location of Incident:	Main Jail - 259 Water Street Santa Cruz
Case Number:	N/A
Type of Incident:	Emergency delivery of baby in the Main Jail Lobby
Suspect(s):	N/A
Photo(s) Available:	Yes ____ No __X__

Description of Incident:

On 10/22/2012 at approximately 0130 hours, a woman being escorted out of the main jail lobby went into labor and the child was delivered by jail staff. The 29 year old Clearlake woman had been booked into the jail earlier in the day for public intoxication. Upon her release she went into labor while being escorted through the main jail lobby. Correctional staff took quick action by comforting the woman and requesting immediate assistance from the correctional staff medical team. Correctional staff and jail medical assisted with the delivery of the baby girl and provided life saving efforts until fire and medics arrived. Both mother and baby were transported to Dominican Hospital for further observation and care.

The training and expeditious response by the correctional staff and medical personnel reduced the likelihood of complications that could have occurred from this premature delivery.

The woman had no extenuating problems with corrections staff or other inmates while in custody which could have contributed to the premature birth.

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