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Abandoned Baby Wins Hearts Of Police, Doctors, Nurses



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Police report that a girl was seen carrying a baby in the neighborhood about that time. The girl was about five feet four inches tall, weighed about 110 pounds and wore a dark coat and no hat. Beyond this, they have no idea who she is.

Miami Valley personnel say the baby weighs almost six pounds and estimate that he is two weeks old.

Baby X has a determined little face. It is easy to believe that, if he could talk, he would tell you not to waste your sympathy on him, he can take care of himself. His eyes are wide-set and shrewd, his nose pointed and definite, his chin strong. He is so tiny that his attitude seems particularly ridiculous.

He's a healthy little individual, the nurses report, with a healthy appetite and healthy lungs. Everyone loves him. Pale little girls smile from their beds as he is

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