



MEDIA RELEASE

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To Protect and Serve

On February 10, 2010, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office received a request from St. Mary's Hospital. A mom and her newborn son were ready to be released from the hospital to return home but were unable to do so because they did not have a safe ride home in the severe weather conditions. The hospital asked if it was possible to have a deputy transport the new family home.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office does not normally transport patients home from the hospital but due to the unusual circumstances and out of compassion for the parents and their new baby, the Sheriff's Office made an exception, granted the hospital's request and facilitated a safe ride home for the family.

Corporal Stephen Simonds was operating one of the agency's 4-wheel drive vehicles and had the pleasure of transporting Jasmine Berry, 19, Wilmont Francis Smith III, 19 and their son Wilmont Francis Smith IV, 3 days old to their Lexington Park home.

