

Newborn's body found along highway

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A motorist whose car broke down while traveling west on I-10 in Harrison County discovered the body of a newborn female Tuesday afternoon, officials said.

The infant had apparently been left on the side of the road about a mile northeast of Gulfport Monday night, Harrison County Sheriff Joe Price said.

"It was a newborn baby that appeared to have been carried the full term," Price said.

"It didn't appear to have been tossed

from a moving car or anything. It looked like it was just laid on the side of the road and probably died of exposure."

Price said the motorist who found the baby called authorities about 2:40 p.m. Tuesday.

"We encourage anybody who may have been to a rest area or service station and seen bloody towels, clothes or anything that indicates somebody gave birth to call us," Price said.

"It's really a terrible thing."