



## Sailor Buys Snack, Gets Tiny Surprise

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A Sailor, CT1 Bryan Noble, from Buckley AFB in Aurora, Colo., was on his way to work one morning when he stopped to grab a snack at a local convenience store. Besides coffee and a doughnut, though, he got something extra—a baby.

Petty Officer Noble, who works at the Naval Security Group Activity on the base, was leaving the convenience store when he heard a woman calling for help. Soon, a car pulled up, and the driver jumped out, frantically asking him to help the passenger, a lady who obviously was in great pain.

At first glance, CT1 Noble didn't see what was happening. When he leaned into the car, however, he saw the woman was having contractions—she already was giving birth. "The baby's head was crowning, and I knew she wasn't going to make it to a hospital," he said.

Immediately, CT1 Noble told a bystander to call 911, while the expectant mother's companion helped her get into position to deliver the baby. He then ran over

to an Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputy who happened to be at the store and asked him to radio for an ambulance and to help with the delivery.

CT1 Noble then returned to the car, where he could see the emerging baby's head. Working quickly, he removed his jacket and used it to wrap the infant as soon as he finished guiding the baby into the world. "It was a real rush to help deliver that baby girl," he said.

However, the ordeal wasn't over yet. As soon as the baby was out, PO1 Noble realized the umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck. "You could hear her gasping for air," he explained. The sheriff's deputy held her while CT1 Noble unwrapped the cord. Immediately, she started screaming. Knowing she was OK, he handed her to the mother.

Within minutes, an emergency-services team arrived, and, after administering first aid, they transported the mother and daughter to a nearby hospital.

Thanks to CT1 Noble's quick thinking, both mother and daughter made it through their ordeal with no problems. The daughter weighed in at seven pounds, 10 ounces. The hospital released them to go home two days later.



CT1 Noble credits Navy training for his quick thinking and calm demeanor under pressure. "I only wish I had been that calm when my own daughter was born," he said. 