

Lawrence police say a baby girl is in serious but stable condition after the child was found abandoned in a trash receptacle early Thursday morning.

Lawrence police said around 2:28 a.m., officers received a call indicating a baby had been abandoned inside a trash receptacle at an apartment complex in the 2500 block of West Sixth Street, and the 9-month-old girl was being taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Cindy Quick said she found the baby.

"I said, 'Oh my God, it's a baby.' And a couple friends were getting in their car to leave. They came running over. And I handed the baby to them out of the trash can and they ran her to the hospital," Quick said.

Quick said she had to pull four of five trash bags off the baby.

"She had bite marks, from bugs or spiders ... And I guess when they took her to the hospital her nose just started gushing, bleeding," Quick said.

Lawrence police said officers responded to the apartment complex and hospital. Medical personnel at the hospital determined the baby's injuries were possibly life-threatening. Lawrence police said the 9-month-old was transported by ground ambulance to a Kansas City hospital in serious but stable condition.

Lawrence police detectives have contacted the family and are actively investigating the incident.