



Operator Evelyn Davis, being interviewed here by Leo Stallworth of KABC, Channel 7, told her story first to metro.net, then to seven TV stations, three print outlets and two radio stations, including a live interview on KFWB. DIVISION 6 PHOTO

Operator Evelyn Davis Witnesses Miracle on 7th Street: A Baby Boy

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(Sept. 12) Operator Evelyn Davis set out on her first Line 20 run Tuesday morning thinking it would be just another day. But, at 7:30 a.m. at the corner of 7th and Hill streets, she witnessed the miracle of birth and held a vital new life in her hands. Suddenly, the day turned from ordinary to extraordinary.



Davis was boarding passengers when she was asked to call paramedics. A woman on her bus - later identified as Susana Millan - was having labor pains. She had hardly hung up from notifying Bus Operations Control when the woman had her first contraction.

Davis cleared the bus, offering passengers transfers. Two women, one Asian and one Hispanic, stayed aboard to assist the soon-to-be mother, who spoke only Spanish.

By this point, Millan was on the floor of the bus, ready to deliver.

'I just had to react'

"I saw her water break and then I saw the baby's head coming," said Davis, a grandmother of five. "I didn't have time to think about what to do - I just had to react."

Suddenly, the baby was resting in her hands. She placed the child, a healthy little boy, on the mother's stomach.

"He looked beautiful," Davis recalls. "His mom was fine and had a smile on her face. I gave her a hug and told her I was the godmother!"

Mother, child doing well

A few minutes later, City Fire Department paramedics arrived, checked mother and child and whisked the pair away to California Hospital Medical Center. The hospital reports Millan and her baby boy are doing well.

"It was the most amazing thing that ever happened to me," said Davis, still somewhat stunned at the event. "I felt ecstatic and very honored."

Nevertheless, by 10 a.m., Davis, a 16-year operator who drives out of Division 6, was back on her route picking up passengers – but still thinking about the special little passenger who came briefly into her life at the corner of 7th and Hill.

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