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Los Angeles County's First-Born of 2006 is a Metro Baby

(Jan. 4, 2006) The first baby born in 2006 in Los Angeles County is the son of an East Valley Division 15 bus operator – Peter Rivas.

Little Elijah Jeshua Gonzales-Rivas was born at one second after midnight, Sunday, Jan. 1, at Kaiser Permanente's Los Angeles Medical Center. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 22 inches long.

The baby and his mother, Maria Gonzales, are doing fine. Elijah has two brothers – Samuel, 8, and Jeremy, 5, and and two sisters, Alexandra, 16, and Renne, 11.

Rivas, 37, joined Metro in May 2001.



Newspaper clipping from family scrapbook shows Division 15 Operator Peter Rivas and his children enjoying their first few moments with baby Elijah, the newest member of the family and already a celebrity.