

Girl aged NINE gives birth to a daughter as Mexican police hunt 17-year-old father on suspicion of rape

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Nine-year-old girl has given birth to a baby of her own, authorities in Mexico revealed today. The baby girl was born on January 27 in Zoquipan Hospital, in Zapopan, Mexico's western Jalisco state. It weighed 5.95lbs.

The mother of the girl, identified only as Dafne, told local officials: 'The girl was just over eight when she got pregnant. The father is a boy who is 17, but we have not found him, since he ran away.'

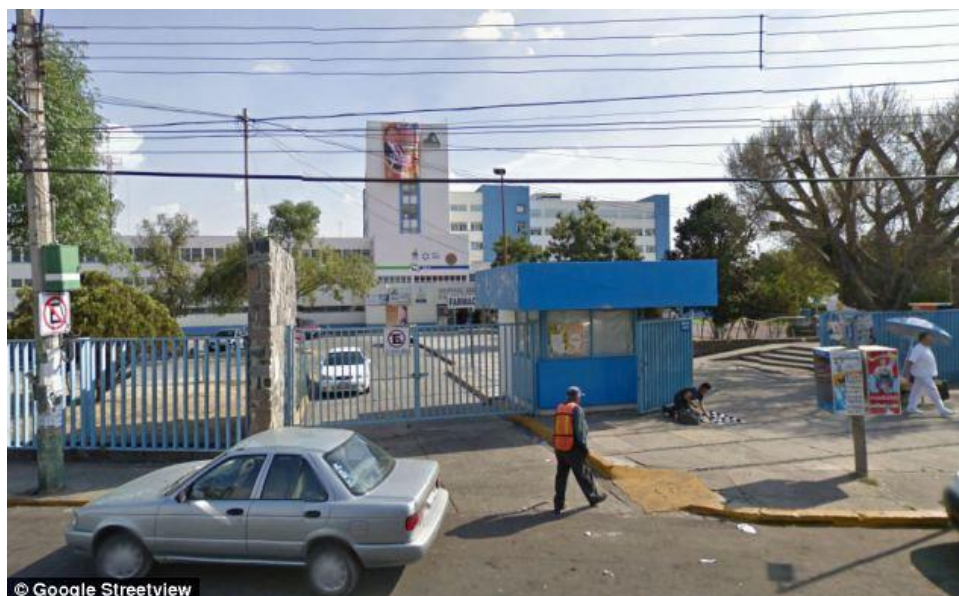


(File picture) Officials in Mexico's western Jalisco state said a nine-year-old girl gave birth to a baby girl

Jorge Villasenor, from the state prosecutors' office, said: 'We are looking for the young man to get his story because she does not understand what has happened.'

'This is a rape or child sex abuse case.'

Both girls were released from the hospital over the weekend, apparently doing well but the hospital said it would have to do extensive follow-up due to the new mother's age.



The baby was born in Zoquipan Hospital, in Zapopan, where doctors said it was doing well

THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST MOTHERS

1. **Lina Medina**, from Ticrapo in Peru, gave birth to a baby boy named Gerardo by caesarean section aged five years and seven months old in May 1939. Her parents thought she had a tumour but when she was taken to hospital, she was found to be seven months pregnant.
2. **Yelizaveta "Liza" Gryshchenko** had just turned six when she gave birth to a stillborn baby girl in the Soviet Union in August 1934. The infant's father was Liza's 69-year-old maternal grandfather. The family emigrated after the scandal.
3. **A six-year-old girl**, known only as 'H' gave birth to a daughter by caesarean section in June 1972 in Delhi, India. She was initially admitted to hospital with what was thought to be an abdominal tumour.
4. **An unidentified Indian girl** died during childbirth, along with her baby, in August 1933. She was just eight years old.
5. **Griseldina Acuña**, from Colombia, reportedly began menstruating at three and gave birth to a baby boy in September 1936, aged eight years and two months. The father is thought to have been a family friend.