



# MUM DUMPS BABY!

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**PALESA Makhaya (20) from Adams Mission has dropped out of school to look after her 10-month-old baby and a stranger's sickly six-month-old infant.**

Palesa said she met the other baby's mother from Mthatha in Eastern Cape on the social network, MXit, last year and became friends.

Soon they shared stories about their babies.

Palesa said: "We became very close even though we had not met face to face.

"She told me she had a child that she had left with its father in Durban

## Now friend pays the price of being kind

and he had asked her to come and fetch it.

"I encouraged her to go and fetch her child because the child deserved to be with its mother.

"On the day she arrived in Durban earlier this year, she told me that she was running late and had missed the taxi back to Mthatha.

"I felt sorry for her because she was carrying a baby. I offered to let her spend the night at my house."

Palesa said they met in person for

the first time and stayed up the whole night talking.

"The next day she told me she was going to town and that she would return soon to go back to Mthatha.

"She left her baby with me.

"I later phoned her but she didn't pick up.

"I tried again in the evening but by then her phone was off," said Palesa.

Palesa now had two babies to take care of and her mother forced the grade 11 pupil to drop out of school to

look after them.

"My mum warned me against social networks and now I'm paying the price for not listening," said Palesa.

*Daily Sun* contacted the woman but she kept picking up the phone and then hanging up.

Captain Thulani Zwane said a case of child abandonment was opened at Amanzimtoti SAPS for investigation.

"No arrests have been made.

"If anybody has information they should contact us," said Zwane.