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By Andy Walker Staff Reporter

A seven-month-old baby girl was stabbed twice at an east Vancouver home last night.

The child, Ashley Matheson, was rushed to B.C. Children's Hospital by paramedics after suffering two stab wounds to the chest from a steak knife.

One two-inch wound punctured her lung, but the injuries are not believed to be lifethreatening, said acting Vancouver police

Serious injury to baby girl

Cpl. Ian Holden.

The child remains in serious condition in the intensive-care unit, said hospital spokeswoman Pat Evans.

Odelia Finch, Ashley's mother, phoned police from the residence at 3536 Monmouth Ave. just after 7 p.m., saying that her baby had been stabbed, said Holden.

Finch, the baby and her sister Caitlin, 3, with his friends on the street.

were alone in the upstairs suite of house at the time, he said.

Children in the neighborhood were shocked to see the bleeding, crying infant being rushed away by a paramedic to a waiting ambulance.

"I felt sick. Who would do something like that?" said Kyle Naso, 10, who was playing with his friends on the street

Finch's husband, Peter Matheson, arrived just before 9 p.m., after paramedics had taken the wounded child to hospital and social workers had whisked away a crying Caitlin in a vehicle.

"I don't know what's going on," said a stunned Matheson, who was arriving home from his delivery job.

Matheson went inside and spoke to police.

A suspect was taken from the suite through the back door and charges are expected to be laid this morning, Holden said.