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NEWBORN ORANGUTAN MAKES EXHIBIT DEBUT

Fresno, CA – November 20, 2018 Fresno Chaffee Zoo officials are excited to announce that the male orangutan baby born on November 5, 2018, made his exhibit debut today!

The mother of the infant is 29-year-old, Siabu. Siabu, 29, came to Fresno in 2001 from the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. The father of the infant is 34-year-old Busar, who came to Fresno in 1997 from Zoo Atlanta. Siabu and Busar are also the parents of female orangutan, Ndari, born December 18, 2010, whose name means “full moon” in Indonesian.

This will be Busar’s second offspring with Siabu and third offspring overall. He and 47-year-old female orangutan, Sara, welcomed male orangutan Labu on October 31, 2010. His name means “pumpkin” in Indonesian.

Zoo guests visiting the newborn orangutan can also help choose his name! Guests can purchase tokens for \$1 at the Zoo admission booth and select their favorite name by dropping tokens into the voting device at the orangutan exhibit. All proceeds will go toward enrichment for the Zoo’s orangutans. The naming contest will run until November 30. The winning name will be announced on December 1, 2018.

The name options are:

1. Kadek (Kay-deck)- "Little Brother" - a name traditionally given to the second sibling.
Language of origin: Balinese
2. Hantu (Hahn-too) - "Ghost" - Malay folklore often refers to orangutans as "ghosts of the forest." Language of origin: Malay
3. Vikal (Vick-all) - "Twilight, Evening" - He was born in the twilight hours of the night.
Language of origin: Hindi

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