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DATE: 2/8/2010

LCSO Request Assistance in Locating Danielle T. Brown

Leon County Sheriff's Detectives are requesting assistance locating a missing person, Danielle T. Brown. Brown was last seen on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 8:30p.m., leaving her residence in the 7200 block of Springhill Road. Brown was driving a 1994 Silver Buick with Florida Tag 694YBX and wearing South Pole brand Jeans and a yellow shirt. Brown's family reports that it is unusual for her not to be in contact with them and is concerned for her welfare. Anybody with information on the whereabouts of Brown, or has had contact with her since Friday, February 5, 2010, is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300.

Missing Person

Name: Danielle T. Brown
DOB: 08/03/1988
Race: White
Sex: Female
Height: 5'2"
Weight: 130lbs
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Red/Auburn



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Update: Missing Persons Vehicle Found in Pavo, Georgia

Yesterday, Leon County Sheriff's Detectives requested assistance locating a missing person, Danielle T. Brown. Brown was last seen on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 8:30p.m., leaving her residence in the 7200 block of Springhill Road. Brown was driving a 1994 Silver Buick with Florida Tag 694YBX and wearing South Pole brand jeans and a yellow shirt. Brown's family reported her missing Sunday, February 7, 2010, at approximately 7:30p.m. and advised that it is unusual for her not to be in contact with them. Brown was entered into the National Crime Information Center as a Missing and Endangered person.

On Monday, February 8, 2010, at approximately 10:00a.m. the Pavo, Georgia Police Department responded to the report of an abandoned vehicle found at the Pavo City Refuse Site. Pavo Chief of Police W. Sydney Turner responded to the site and during his investigation traced the vehicle back to Danielle Brown. The Pavo Police Department found no sign of Brown in, or near, the vehicle. The vehicle had been damaged by fire and has been secured as possible evidence.

Leon County Sheriff's Detectives are conducting an intensive investigation into Brown's disappearance and are working closely with the Pavo Police Department to determine the circumstances in which her vehicle was abandoned in their jurisdiction. Brown remains entered into the National Crime Information Center as Missing and Endangered. Anybody with information on the whereabouts of Brown, or has had contact with her since Friday, February 5, 2010, is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300.

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DATE: 2/10/2010

Update: Man Arrested for the Arson of Danielle Brown's Vehicle

Danielle T. Brown was last seen on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 8:30p.m., leaving her residence in the 7200 block of Springhill Road. Brown was driving a 1994 Silver Buick with Florida Tag 694YBX and wearing South Pole brand jeans and a yellow shirt. Brown's family reported her missing Sunday, February 7, 2010, at approximately 7:30p.m. On Monday, February 8, 2010, at approximately 10:00a.m. the Pavo, Georgia Police Department responded to the report of an abandoned vehicle found at the Pavo City Refuse Site. Pavo Chief of Police W. Sydney Turner responded to the site and during his investigation traced the vehicle back to Danielle Brown. The Pavo Police Department found no sign of Brown in, or near, the vehicle. The vehicle had been damaged by fire and was secured as possible evidence.

Due to indications that Brown's vehicle had been damaged as a result of arson, Investigators with the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office Arson Unit conducted an investigation. As a result of that investigation the fire which damaged Brown's vehicle was determined to be an act of arson. Elijah James was identified as a suspect during the arson investigation and a warrant for his arrest was obtained by Investigators with the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office Arson Unit yesterday evening.

Leon County Sheriff's Detectives had identified James as a person who may have information about Brown's whereabouts and interviewed him yesterday. James was arrested by LCSO Detectives once the 1st Degree Arson warrant had been obtained. James was arrested at a residence on King Post Way, which is located in eastern Leon County. James will be booked into the Leon County Jail to await extradition to Georgia.

Detectives continue to search for Brown and ask anyone with information on her whereabouts, or have had contact with her since Friday, February 5, 2010, to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300.

Arrested:

Elijah James
DOB: 05/31/1974

Charge:

1st Degree Arson
(Georgia Arrest Warrant)



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DATE: 2/11/2010

Update: Elijah James Charged with Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle

Danielle T. Brown was last seen on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 8:30p.m., leaving her residence in the 7200 block of Springhill Road with her boyfriend, Elijah James (DOB: 05/31/74), as a passenger. Danielle was driving a 1994 Silver Buick with Florida Tag 694YBX, which is owned by her father Tommy Brown. Later in the evening at approximately 11:30p.m. Danielle spoke with a friend on the phone and said James was with her and she was taking him to his mother's house at 7080 King Post Way. That is the last known contact anyone had with Danielle.

On Monday, February 8, 2010, at approximately 10:00a.m. the Pavo, Georgia Police Department responded to the report of an abandoned vehicle found at the Pavo City Refuse Site. Pavo Chief of Police W. Sydney Turner responded to the site and during his investigation traced the vehicle back to Danielle Brown. The Pavo Police Department found no sign of Brown in, or near, the vehicle. The vehicle had been damaged by fire and Investigators with the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office Arson Unit conducted an investigation. As a result of that investigation the fire which damaged Brown's vehicle was determined to be an act of arson and on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, a Georgia arrest warrant for 1st degree arson was issued for James. James was arrested by Leon County Sheriff's Detectives that evening and later booked into the Leon County Jail.

Since that time witnesses have been located who reported James was driving Danielle's vehicle in Pavo, Georgia on Saturday, February 06, 2010. James was the only occupant of the vehicle. Danielle's father, who is the owner of the vehicle, has advised James did not have his permission to drive the vehicle. Today, Leon County Sheriff's Detectives obtained a Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle arrest warrant for James.

The investigation into the disappearance of Danielle Brown continues and James remains a person of interest. Law Enforcement Officers with the Pavo Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, Brooks County Sheriff's Office and Thomasville Police Department are assisting the Leon County Sheriff's Office with this active investigation.

Anyone with information about this investigation or had contact with Danielle Brown or Elijah James after Friday, February 5, 2010, is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS.

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DATE: 2/12/2010

Update: Search for Danielle Brown Continues

Today and throughout the weekend, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies will continue to search for Danielle Brown in the Miccosukee Community. Over the last several days Leon County Sheriff's Office Detectives and law enforcement officers with the Pavo Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, Brooks County Sheriff's Office and Thomasville Police Department have searched many locations and followed up on many investigative leads. These intense investigative efforts have led to Elijah James being charged with 1st Degree Arson in Georgia and Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle in Leon County, Florida.

In partnership with Lamar Advertising, a Missing Person bulletin for Danielle Brown will be posted on Lamar Advertising Digital Displays throughout Leon County. Also, a dedicated Leon County Sheriff's Office web-site has been established to provide information to citizens about this investigation. Anyone with information about the disappearance of Danielle Brown may use this site to provide Leon County Sheriff's Detectives or Crime Stoppers with any information they may have about this investigation. To access this web-site please go to the Leon County Sheriff's Office home page at www.leoncountysos.com and click on the Danielle Brown Missing Person tab.



MISSING PERSON

Danielle Brown

Last Seen on Friday, February 5, 2010

Please Contact Leon County Sheriff's Office

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DATE: 2/14/2010

Update: Missing Person-Danielle Brown Media Briefing

Today Leon County Sheriff's Deputies, Firefighters with the Tallahassee Fire Department and volunteers continued the search for Danielle Brown in the Miccosukee Community and eastern Leon County. This evening Detectives will evaluate the progress made this weekend and determine what areas remain to be searched.

Tomorrow morning, Monday February 15, 2010, Sheriff Larry Campbell will brief the media on the status of this investigation and the search for Danielle.

What: Missing Person-Danielle Brown Media Briefing

When: Monday February 15, 2010 @ 11:30a.m.

Where: Leon County Sheriff's Office
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Update: Search for Danielle Brown Continues in Thomas County

Since the search for Danielle Brown began law enforcement officers, with many agencies, and citizen volunteers have searched large areas of Leon County, Florida and Thomas County, Georgia. Other locations have also been searched as investigative leads have been received. These search efforts have resulted in evidence, such as Danielle's cell phone and pieces of her driver's license, being located in southern Thomas County.

As part of this investigation a search for evidence related to the disappearance of Danielle will be conducted today at the Thomas County landfill located on County Farm Road. For media assistance at the search site, please contact Thomas County Sheriff's Office Captain Chuck McDonald at the staging area which is located at the Sunset Fire Station, 244 County Farm Road in Thomas County.

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Danielle Brown is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. Tips may also be submitted by visiting the Missing Person-Danielle Brown web page at www.leoncountyso.com.

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As part of this investigation a search for evidence related to the disappearance of Danielle will be conducted today at the Thomas County landfill located on County Farm Road. For media assistance at the search site, please contact Thomas County Sheriff's Office Captain Chuck McDonald at the staging area which is located at the Sunset Fire Station, 244 County Farm Road in Thomas County.

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Danielle Brown is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. Tips may also be submitted by visiting the Missing Person-Danielle Brown web page at www.leoncountysos.com.

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Update: Second Day Searching Thomas County Landfill Underway

Yesterday approximately 100 law enforcement officer and volunteers with the Thomas County Sheriff's Office, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Wildlife Commission, Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Thomas County Emergency Medical Survives, Thomas County Fire Rescue, Thomas Correctional Institute, Pavo Police Department, Wiregrass Chapter of the American Red Cross and the City of Thomasville Sanitation Department searched the Thomas County Landfill for evidence related to the disappearance of Danielle Brown.

Today the search continues at the landfill and is expected to be completed this afternoon. A media briefing to discuss the progress made in Thomas County will be conducted today at approximately 11:00a.m. For media assistance at the search site, please contact Thomas County Sheriff's Office Lt. Steve Jones at the staging area located at the Sunset Fire Station, 244 County Farm Road in Thomas County.

Leon County Sheriff's Detectives have determined that James was in Thomas County on Saturday February 6, 2010 and Sunday February 7, 2010. Also evidence, such as Danielle's cell phone and pieces of her driver's license, has been located in Thomas County.

Anyone who may have seen Danielle Brown, Elijah James or Brown's 1994 Silver Buick in Thomas County during these times is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300, Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS or the Thomas County Sheriff Office at (229) 225-3300. Tips may also be submitted by visiting the Missing Person-Danielle Brown web page at www.leoncountysos.com.

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MISSING

Danielle Brown



AGE: 21
RACE: White
SEX: Female
HEIGHT: 5'05"
WEIGHT: 130 Lbs.
HAIR: Auburn
EYES: Brown



Stock Photograph – Not Actual Vehicle

Danielle Brown was last seen on Friday, February 5, 2010. Brown was driving a 1994 Silver Buick with Florida Tag 694 YBX. Brown may have been enroute to the Miccosukee (FL) area. She was last seen wearing South Pole brand jeans and a yellow shirt. Her vehicle was recovered in Pavo, Georgia on February 8, 2010.



Brown may have been in the company of Elijah James. (Left)

If you have any information concerning the whereabouts of Danielle Brown, please contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office (850) 922-3300 or the Thomas County Sheriff's Office (229) 225-3300.



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DATE: 2/20/2010

Update: Search of Thomas County Landfill Completed – Comprehensive Investigation Continues

This past Thursday, February 18, 2010 and Friday February 19, 2010, over 150 law enforcement officers and volunteers with the Thomas County Sheriff's Office, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Wildlife Commission, Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Thomas County Emergency Medical Services, Thomas County Fire Rescue, Thomas Correctional Institute, Pavo Police Department, Tallahassee Fire Department, Wiregrass Chapter of the American Red Cross, City of Thomasville Sanitation Department and landfill employees searched the Thomas County Landfill for evidence related to the disappearance of Danielle Brown.

During the search of the landfill several items of interest were located and turned over to Leon County Sheriff's Detectives. These items of interest will be examined to determine if they are connected to the criminal investigation into the disappearance of Danielle. As was reported by many media organizations; a purse was found during the search of the landfill on Friday afternoon. A preliminary evaluation of the purse has revealed that it is not connected to this investigation.

"I want to thank the many agencies, law enforcement officers and volunteers for their invaluable assistance and dedication to the mission of finding Danielle Brown. This investigation is unprecedented in Leon County in its scope and the multi-jurisdictional cooperative efforts of first responders from many disciplines. These first responders and citizen volunteers represent many communities and have worked diligently toward the common goal of finding Danielle" said Sheriff Larry Campbell. "The thorough and exhaustive efforts of law enforcement officers from Florida and Georgia have produced valuable investigative leads. Our commitment to uncovering the truth of what happened to Danielle remains unwavering."

While the ground search phase of this investigation has been suspended, Detectives will be evaluating all the investigative information and evidence gathered thus far. This investigative evaluation will include forensic analysis of possible evidence which will be conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Anyone who may have seen Elijah James or Brown's 1994 Silver Buick after Friday February 5, 2010, is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. Tips may also be submitted at the Missing Person-Danielle Brown web page at www.leoncountytso.com.

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Update: Search for Danielle Brown to be conducted in Jefferson County

Since the search for Danielle Brown began law enforcement officers, with many agencies, and citizen volunteers have searched large areas of Leon County, Florida and Thomas County, Georgia. Other locations have also been searched as investigative leads have been received. These search efforts have resulted in evidence being recovered.

As reported on February 18, 2010, Detectives have placed Danielle Brown's vehicle in Jefferson County on Saturday, February 6, 2010, and Sunday, February 7, 2010. Detectives have developed investigative leads which place Danielle's vehicle in the Wacissa and Waukeenah communities of Jefferson County sometime between 1:30a.m. and 4:00a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Information has also been obtained which place Elijah James in Jefferson County on Sunday, February 7, 2010, between 9:00a.m. and 2:00p.m.

Due to these investigative leads a search for Danielle Brown and evidence related her disappearance will be conducted tomorrow in Jefferson County. With the assistance and support of Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs, and JCSO Detectives, several areas of interest have been identified and will be part of the search area.

For more information about this search operation and media assistance please make contact with me (Sgt. Tony Drzewiecki) at the Joint Information Center (JIC) located at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center in Jefferson County. The JIC will be operational at 10:00a.m. (Directions: From the Florida Capitol take Highway 27 South (Apalachee Parkway) east into Jefferson County. At US19 take a left and the entrance to the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center will be clearly marked.)

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Danielle Brown is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. Tips may also be submitted by visiting the Danielle Brown web page at www.leoncountysos.com.

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Update: Large Scale Search for Danielle Brown in Progress in Jefferson County

This morning the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies began a large scale search of portions of western Jefferson County for Danielle Brown and evidence related to her disappearance. Law Enforcement Officers with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida Wildlife Commission, along with Firefighters with the Tallahassee Fire Department will be assisting in this search operation. This search will include law enforcement officers and volunteers on foot. The search will also utilize Air Support, Mounted Units, Dive Teams and units searching waterways in boats. This operation is part of the on-going investigative efforts to recover Danielle Brown or any evidence related to her disappearance.

"I would like to thank Thomas County Sheriff Carlton Powell, Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs and the many other state and local law enforcement agencies for their unwavering assistance during this investigation" said Sheriff Larry Campbell. "Sheriff Hobbs knowledge of Jefferson County, the citizens and the terrain has been greatly beneficial to this investigation. I appreciate his leadership and support as this large scale search for Danielle moves to Jefferson County."

"The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has been working diligently with the Leon County Sheriff's Office and will provide whatever investigative assistance required as the search for Danielle Brown continues" said Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs.

Today's search will focus on State Road 59 between US 90 and Highway 27 and the Wacissa and Waukeenah communities.

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Update: Search for Danielle Brown will continue in Jefferson County

Law enforcement officers with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida Wildlife Commission, along with Firefighters with the Tallahassee Fire Department have concluded today's large scale search for Danielle Brown and evidence related her disappearance. This search operation in Jefferson County will continue tomorrow.

"Today we searched large areas of western Jefferson County; however, much work remains to be done" said Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs. "I am committed to assisting in this investigation and we will be back out tomorrow, with the same mission of finding answers for Danielle's family".

For more information about tomorrow's search operation, and media assistance, please make contact with Sgt. Tony Drzewiecki at the Joint Information Center (JIC) which will be located at 3079 North Jefferson Street (Jefferson County Kennel Club). The JIC will be operational at 10:00a.m.

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Danielle Brown is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. Tips may also be submitted by visiting the Danielle Brown web page at www.leoncountysos.com.

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Update: Day Two of Large Scale Search for Danielle Brown in Jefferson County

For the second day law enforcement officers with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Florida Wildlife Commission, along with Firefighters with the Tallahassee Fire Department will be conducting a search operation in Jefferson County. This operation is part of the on-going investigative efforts to recover Danielle Brown or any evidence related to her disappearance.

Today's search area will continue to focus on western Jefferson County; State Road 59 between US 90 and Highway 27 and the Wacissa and Waukeenah communities. The command post for this operation is located at 3079 North Jefferson Street (Jefferson County Kennel Club).

There is a \$5,000 reward for information which leads to the location of Danielle and the circumstances which led to her disappearance. Anyone with information about the disappearance of Danielle Brown is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. Tips may also be submitted by visiting the Danielle Brown web page at www.leoncountysos.com.

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