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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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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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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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