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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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