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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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