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Abilene Police Department Seeking Information on Missing Abilene Teen

ABILENE, TX – On April 4, 2016, at 11:56 am, The Abilene Police Department received a runaway report regarding Amber Thebo, a white female, age 15. The report was filed by Amber's mother, April Walker who reported Amber as a runaway from an apartment complex in the 2500 block of Nonesuch Rd.

The case was assigned to a Youth division detective who has been working this case along with several other detectives since the day the report was taken. During the course of follow up investigation, detectives learned Amber attended a party at Kirby Lake in the early morning hours of April 4, 2016. Amber was seen at that location by multiple witnesses. Several of those witnesses reported Amber was transported voluntarily from Kirby Lake and ultimately to an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Yeoman's Rd.

Investigators contacted two residents at that apartment complex who stated Amber, was in fact, at the apartment in question on the morning of April 4, 2016. Those same residents spoke to Amber after her departure from that apartment by telephone later in the day. Both witnesses stated Amber told them she was going to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to see a friend. Investigators have learned through an interview with Amber's mother that she has runaway to the DFW area in the past. Appropriate steps are being taken to locate Amber in that area.

Many citizens have inquired about the possibility of an Amber Alert being issued. The Texas Department of Public Safety has very specific requirements that must be met before an Amber Alert can be issued. Those criteria are:

1. (A) Is this child 17 years of age or younger, whose whereabouts are unknown, and whose disappearance law enforcement has determined to be unwilling which poses a credible threat to the child's safety and health; and if abducted by a parent or legal guardian, was the abduction in the course of an attempted murder or murder? **OR** (B) Is this child 13 years of age or younger, who was taken (willingly or unwillingly) without permission from the care and custody of a parent or legal guardian, by: (i) someone

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- unrelated and more than three years older, **or** (ii) another parent or legal guardian who attempted or committed murder at the time of the abduction?
2. Is this child in immediate danger of sexual assault, death or serious bodily injury?
3. Has a preliminary investigation verified the abduction and eliminated alternative explanations for the child's disappearance?
4. Is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public to help locate the child, a suspect, or the vehicle used in the abduction?

At this time, all information indicates this is a voluntary runaway case, however running away is an inherently dangerous activity and places any child at risk for exploitation and harm. Abilene Police Detectives submitted this case to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) on April 8, 2016 and a missing flyer has been generated (see attached).

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Amber Thebo is encouraged to contact the Abilene Police Department (325) 673-8331 or the appropriate law enforcement agency immediately.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Lynn Beard
Public Information Officer
Abilene Police Department

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HELP BRING ME HOME NCMEC: 1265885

Amber Thebo Extra Photo



Missing Since: **Apr 3, 2016**
 Missing From: **Abilene, TX**
 DOB: **Dec 17, 2000**
 Age Now: **15**
 Sex: **Female**
 Race: **White**
 Hair Color: **Blonde**
 Eye Color: **Blue**
 Height: **5'3"**
 Weight: **135 lbs**



Both photos shown are of Amber. Her ears, lip, and navel are pierced. When Amber was last seen, she had a red streak on the side of her hair. She may be in need of medical attention

DON'T HESITATE!

ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT

CALL 911 or
 1-800-843-5678 (1-800-THE-LOST®)
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