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Search for Abduction Suspect Continues; One Arrest Made

UPDATE 4:

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police continues to search for the suspect involved in Thursday's Amber Alert.

Tyrell Ashley Davenport, 23, remains at large following a widespread search for him across the Metro-Richmond area. Investigators continue to utilize available resources in an attempt to locate Mr. Davenport.

Additionally, detectives have arrested and charged the adult female who was driving the vehicle during Thursday night's traffic stop on I-95 when the juvenile was safely located. **Earleecha Williams, 28, of Highland Springs,** faces the following charges:

- Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor
- Accessory After the Fact in a Felony
- Obstruction of Justice
- Abduction of a Minor

Ms. Williams is known to the juvenile girl.

The wellbeing of the teen girl involved in this case remains a priority for detectives within the Henrico County Police Division. Due to the nature of this case, involving a minor, specific details on this investigation may be limited.

Henrico Police continue to ask anyone with information to please call Det. M. Lynch at (804) 501-7324. You can also submit tips via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com; both methods are anonymous.

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UPDATE 3:

(Henrico County, Va.) - Henrico Police has safely located Ronique Channel Poteat.

At approximately 10:20 p.m., Henrico Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling on I-95 south near the Chamberlayne Avenue exit. Ms. Poteat was located safely inside the vehicle.

An adult female was also inside the vehicle. She has been detained for questioning.

Currently, investigators have been unable to locate **Tyrell Ashley Davenport** who remains at large.

We would like to thank the public for their help in providing tips in this investigation along with our local and federal partners who utilized valuable resources to safely locate Ms. Poteat.

While Ms. Poteat has been located, this remains an ongoing investigation with much follow-up work to be done by our investigators. As a result, further details on this investigation may be limited due to the nature of this case.

We continue to ask anyone with information about Mr. Davenport's whereabout to please contact authorities in your local area, or by calling Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000. You can also submit tips via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com; both methods are anonymous.

UPDATE 2:

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police continue to utilize all available resources to safely locate a missing endangered juvenile.

Currently, investigators are working with metro area and federal partners to follow up on leads in this case.

With the activation of an Amber Alert, Henrico Police was able to activate its Child Abduction Response Team (CART) which allows our investigators to collaboratively work with our federal partners and utilize additional resources. Throughout the day, multiple units within the Division have responded to and investigated multiple tips across the Metro-Richmond area that have come in from the public.

At this time, the whereabouts of **Ronique Poteat** and **Tyrell Davenport** are still unknown.

Henrico Police is asking anyone with information on where these two may be located to please call (804) 501-5000.

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Additionally, Crime Stoppers typically offers rewards up to \$1,000 when a tip leads to an arrest and indictment. Those tips can be submitted anonymously via P3tips.com or (804) 780-1000.

UPDATE 1:

(Henrico County, Va.) – In consultation with Virginia State Police, the Henrico County Police Division has requested an Amber Alert be issued for **Ronique Channel Poteat**, **15**.

Since the initial call and media release, investigators continue to follow up on leads in this abduction. On April 3, 2024, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Ronique was last seen leaving in a 2006 black Honda Accord, with a Virginia License Plate #KI&ARI, driven by her half-brother **Tyrell Ashley Davenport, 23**. Around 9 a.m., the vehicle involved in this case was located, however, we are still searching for Ms. Poteat and Mr. Davenport.

Ronique Poteat is described as a black female with black hair, 5'4", weighing approximately 115 lbs. She was last seen wearing a Pink Nike T-shirt with a white Nike swoosh on the front, red boxers and a black bonnet. She is known to wear Michael Kors glasses and has pierced ears.

Tyrell Davenport is described as a black male with black hair, 6'0", weight approximately 145 lbs. He was last seen wearing a dark blue zip-up sweatshirt, dark blue jeans and black Timberland boots.

Ronique Channel Poteat

Tyrell Ashley Davenport



Anyone with information about either Ronique or Tyrell's whereabouts is asked to call 911 immediately or Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000. First responders are working quickly to locate her and reunite with her family.

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ORIGINAL RELEASE:

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police is actively searching for a missing endangered juvenile, who was taken from her home by a family member.

On Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Henrico Police responded to the 400 block of Newbridge Terrace for a reported domestic dispute.

Preliminary information in this case shows **Ronique Channel Poteat**, **15**, **of Henrico** was last seen, April 3, 2024, around 11:10 p.m. leaving an apartment in the 400 block of Newbridge Terrace in the company of her half-brother **Tyrell Davenport**, **23**. It was reported she left the area in a black Honda Civic with dark-tinted windows. The Henrico County Police Division is currently using multiple resources to search for Ronique with the assistance of surrounding law enforcement agencies.

Ronique is described as a black female with black hair, 5'4", weighing approximately 115 lbs. She was last seen wearing Michael Kors glasses and has pierced ears.

More information will be released when it's available.

Anyone with information about Ronique's whereabouts is asked to call Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000. First responders are working quickly to locate her and reunite with her family.





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