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Endangered Missing: Aysia Monique Lewis – Update 1/29/2015 at 12:01 p.m.

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(Christiansburg, VA) – In collaboration with state and national organizations, the Christiansburg Police Department continues to investigate the endangered missing case of Aysia Monique Lewis, 16.

There are no new developments in the case at this time, but tips from across the country are currently being pursued.

Aysia was last seen after school around 2:45 p.m. on Monday, January 26. It is believed that Donald “Bruce” Bruce Quesenberry, Jr., 33, traveled from his home in Normal, Illinois to meet Aysia. Investigators believe Aysia willingly left with Quesenberry in a 2002 light gold Nissan Altima with Illinois license plate V975074.

Neither Aysia nor Quesenberry have been in contact with friends or family since that time. It is currently not known if Aysia and Quesenberry remain in the region or may be traveling.

Aysia has been classified as an endangered missing person due to her age and the circumstances surrounding her disappearance.

With the assistance of the FBI, U.S. Marshalls, and the Virginia State Police, a nationwide broadcast has been sent to law enforcement with information related to Aysia’s case.

Partnerships with private organizations, including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Courtney’s House, and Help Save the Next Girl, have also facilitated Aysia’s picture and information being shared nationwide with hundreds of thousands of people. According to Kenny Jarels with Help Save The Next Girl, their network alone had reached over 300,000 people as of Wednesday night.

The Christiansburg Police Department will continue to use every available resource to find Aysia and return her safely to her family.

Aysia is 5’3” and weighs approximately 160 lbs. She has brown eyes and black hair with red highlights. She was last seen wearing light blue jeans, a navy blue t-shirt, a black fleece, and brown moccasin-style shoes.

Quesenberry is currently charged with one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

He is described as a white male with brown hair and brown eyes. He is 5’7” and weighs approximately 195 lbs.

Anyone with information related to the case is encouraged to call the Christiansburg Police Department at (540) 382-3131 x0.

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MEDIA ADVISORY:

#1 - Kenny Jarels with Help Save the Next Girl is available to speak about the organization's efforts to find Aysia. He may be reached at (540) 357-5135

#2 – Pronunciation of Aysia is ‘Asia,’ as in the continent.

#3 – Pronunciation of Quesenberry is ‘kweh-sen-berry.’

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