

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: November 5, 2016

LOCATION: Harvey West Park

TOPIC: Missing Child at Risk and Mother

CASE NUMBER: 16S-09248

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz Police is investigating a Missing 2-year old Child and Mother

On Friday, 11/4/2016, Heather Lara and her two year old daughter Ember Perryman walked away from Friendship Garden in Harvey West Park. Neither have been heard from or seen since Friday morning. Heather Lara, the child's mother, is not the custodial parent. Ember Perryman is 2 years old and is considered a Missing Person at Risk due to her age. She was last seen wearing light-colored pajama top and bottoms with hearts.

The father of two year girl has been granted full and sole custody of child.

Numerous Santa Cruz Police Officers and City Rangers are searching for the pair throughout Harvey West Park and Pogonip. The mother is familiar with camping in the area. She also mentioned to acquaintances that she wanted to move to Mexico.

Description of victim child, photo attached.

Ember Perryman: BFJ 06-18-2014 2'5, 30 pounds brown curly hair, brown eyes Ember was last seen wearing a light- colored pajama top and white pajama bottoms with hearts on legs.

Description of Suspect, photo attached.

Heather Lara: WFA 06-10-79 5'5\160 Blond hair \blue eyes Heather Lara was last seen wearing long green flowered dress and flip flops. She was on foot and pushing the child in a stroller. The mother has does not have a car or a cell phone. Possible Destination: Los Angeles, Mexico or Idaho.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of the child is encouraged to call Santa Cruz Police Department at 831- 420-5820 or Anonymous Tip Line (831) 420-5995.

Please report any possible sightings. They are crucial to assist in locating the missing child as soon as possible. If you have information that can assist in helping safely locate Ember Perryman, please call 911.

Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; <u>www.santacruzpolice.com</u>. Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.

PHOTO of Ember Perryman

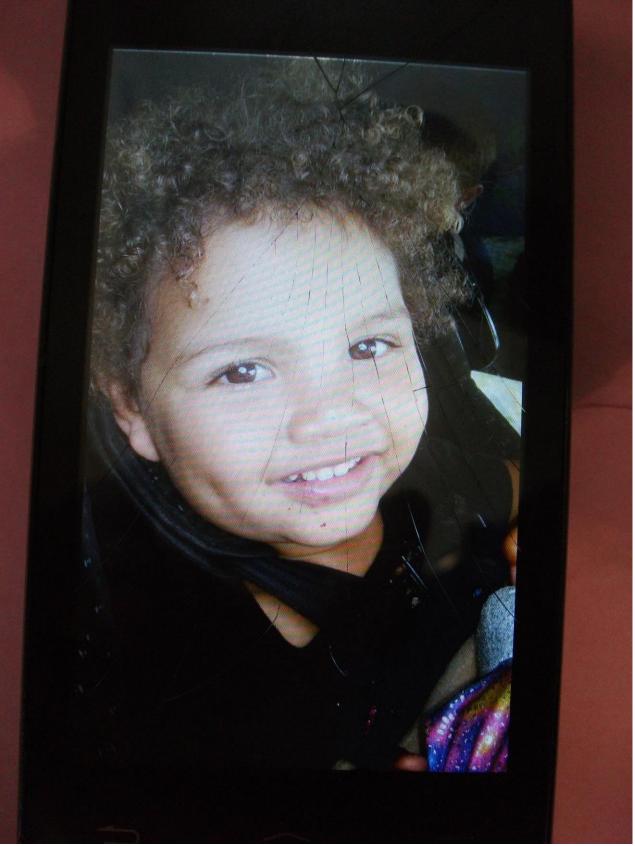


PHOTO of Heather Lara

