
Press Release: Missing Juvenile

Case # 24-M00309

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*******FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*******

On January 6, 2024, the Mount Vernon Police Department received a report of a missing juvenile from the 2200 block of N. 20th Pl. in Mount Vernon, WA.

Sarah Merrill reported that her 14-year-old daughter Ella Jones had voluntarily left the house sometime that morning or the previous evening.



Ella is described as a 5'5" Caucasian female weighing approximately 135 lbs. with brown eyes and brown hair. At the time she left, she was believed to be wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, multi-colored plaid pajama pants, and black Nike Air Force shoes. It is believed that she took additional clothing in a large green backpack when she left.

Since she left home, Ella has not made contact with family members or friends.

Anytime a juvenile leaves home and ceases contact, it raises concern about their welfare.

Mount Vernon Police Department investigators continue to be in communication with Ms. Merrill. Investigators are following up on information as they receive it.

Please call 911 immediately if Ella is sighted. Should the public have other information related to Ella's whereabouts, please call Skagit County Dispatch at (360) 428-3211.

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