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Update #4

The Joplin Police Department is grateful to announce that Christian N. Goodwin has been located. He was located, uninjured and in good condition, by the Newton County Sheriff's Department. As always, we take runaways seriously. In light of the specific facts and circumstances in this case, and in consideration of the intemperate weather, we deemed it prudent to identify Christian as an endangered missing person. In this case, the Joplin Fire Department, Redding's Mill Fire Department and the Joplin Police Department collectively responded to locate Christian. We are also appreciative of the other surrounding agencies that contributed to this successful outcome. Additionally, we are thankful for the community's response via social media and those that called in to the special phone lines. In these cases, the information that we receive from the community helps us to better direct our resources and our efforts.

Update #3

At this time, Christian N. Goodwin is still missing and he is believed to be a runaway. We continued our efforts to locate Christian through the night. This morning, officers are re-visiting areas that were searched in the darkness yesterday. We do have new information, obtained from the family, which indicates that Christian intends to travel to Mexico in order to see a juvenile female. The information that we receive from the community helps us to better direct our resources and our efforts. We ask that the public remain vigilant and report any sightings. We also ask that callers use the regular, non-emergency line and press 0 for a dispatcher. The non-emergency line is 417-623-3131.

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Update #2

At this time, Christian N. Goodwin is still missing-endangered. We will continue our efforts to locate Christian through the night.

In these cases, the information that we receive from the community helps us to better direct our resources and our efforts.

Call volume has reduced such that we have found it no longer necessary to staff the extra phone lines. We once again encourage the public to call the regular, non-emergency line and press 0 for a dispatcher. The non-emergency line is 417-623-3131.

Updates will continue through the night as necessary.

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Update #1

The Joplin Police Department is requesting anyone that has information or has seen Christian to call the non-emergency line and share that information.

We have set up two phone lines specifically for Christian.

In order to reach the lines, citizens must dial 417-623-3131 ext. 1702# and 1703#.

Please note that citizens must dial the (#) sign.

Cpt. Bob Higginbotham

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NEWS RELEASE

The Joplin Police is searching for a missing endangered child.

Christian N. Goodwin, (twelve years old, 5'3", 93 pounds, straight blond hair, blue eyes, fair/light complexion and thin build) is declared as a missing endangered child and an Amber-Alert will be issued shortly.

Christian was last observed on a business video at 4:34 PM on south Range Line Road. Christian was last seen wearing a blue hooded-sweatshirt, blue jeans, a black shirt and bright green tennis-shoes.

Christian is a runaway that is considered missing-endangered due to the hazard that the extreme temperatures pose to a young person.

The Joplin Police Department and The Joplin Fire Department are working collaboratively to locate Christian. We are not requesting volunteers at this time.

However, we do ask that citizens remain vigilant.

If you think that you see or may have seen Christian please contact the Joplin Police Department at the non-emergency line. (417-623-3131)

Photograph is attached.

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