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December 31, 2011

CRIMESTOPPERS: MISSING TODDLER

Columbia Police Chief Randy Scott is seeking the whereabouts of a missing toddler.

There is great concern for the child's safety and well-being.

Family members last saw Amir Jennings, an 18-month-old boy (DOB: 6-8-2010) with his mother Zinah Demaris (pronounced "Zeena") Jennings (DOB: 4/22/1989) during the Thanksgiving holiday.

A warrant was issued for Ms. Jennings on December 29, 2011 by CPD.

On the same day, Jennings was arrested and charged with **Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child**.

The charge stems from Ms. Jennings providing false and inconsistent information to CPD Investigators on Amir's whereabouts.

Ms. Jennings was booked at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center where she is scheduled to have a bond hearing at 1:00 p.m. on December 31, 2011.

Background and Timeline:

Earlier this month, family members became concerned about Jennings and Amir when they could not contact or locate Jennings or the child.

Relatives notified CPD, and a "Missing Persons" report was filed. The information was also entered in to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

On Christmas Eve, Ms. Jennings was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Millwood Avenue and Lady Street while driving a burgundy Dodge Neon. The officer who responded realized that Ms. Jennings was considered as a "Missing Person" and notified the Investigator assigned to the case.

The responding officer also asked Ms. Jennings for information on the whereabouts of

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her son.

After repeatedly asking for her son's location, Ms. Jennings allegedly gave false and inconsistent information to the Officer.

Chief Scott encourages citizens with information about Ms. Jennings or her son Amir, including if they saw the mother and child together at any time, to call, text or submit online, their anonymous tip to **Crimestoppers in any of the following ways:**

It is also believed that Ms. Jennings has ties to Charlotte, North Carolina and the Atlanta-Georgia area.

CRIMESTOPPERS:

CALL toll-free, **888-CRIME-SC.**

TEXT to CRIMES (274637), and mark the beginning of the message with "**TIPSC,**" followed by the tip information.

LOG onto: **www.midlandscrimestoppers.com**, and click on the red "**Submit a tip**" tab.

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Amir Jennings:
18 Months Old
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Zinah Demaris Jennings
DOB: 4/22/1989



Car that Ms. Jennings was driving at the time of the accident on Dec. 24th.
This is also a vehicle that Amir may have been in at one time

Contact:

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