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## **BREASIA TERRELL INVESTIGATION UPDATE**

Law enforcement continues to investigate all leads in Terrell's disappearance

DAVENPORT, IOWA (December 10, 2020) - Investigators are still diligently working to find Breasia Terrell five months after she was reported missing to the Davenport Police Department with support from FBI Omaha and the resources they provide.

"We want the community to know that this case remains a priority for our investigators and we continue to aggressively investigate Breasia's disappearance. All leads we have received have been thoroughly investigated," said Davenport Police Assistant Chief Jeff Bladel. "We are thankful for the assistance provided by the FBI Omaha field office, as well as local FBI agents in investigating the disappearance of Breasia."

Three DPD investigators and one supervisor are currently assigned to the case, along with two agents from the FBI. Together they have investigated over 170 tips, conducted hundreds of interviews, and served over 60 search warrants related to Breasia's disappearance. Leads have slowed considerably, and authorities continue to seek information from the public on Breasia's disappearance.

"We believe that there are people in the community who can still provide information that will assist in finding Breasia. If you think you might have any information that will bring comfort to Breasia's family, please report it," said FBI Omaha Special Agent in Charge Eugene Kowel.

Henry Dinkins remains a person of interest in the disappearance of Breasia, and has been charged by the Davenport Police Department with a Sex Offender Registry Violation. Dinkins remains in custody on unrelated charges.

"Our investigators remain in contact with Breasia's mother, Aisha Lankford. We cannot imagine the grief that she and her family are experiencing. We as a community should continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers," said Bladel. "The men and women of the Davenport Police Department would



like nothing more than to locate Breasia, but we need our community's assistance to do so. Investigators need the community to submit any tips or information they may have, no matter how small, regarding Breasia's disappearance."

The FBI is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to locating Breasia or the arrest of anyone who was involved in her disappearance. Additional rewards are also being offered by Crime Stoppers of the Quad Cities, One Eighty, and other community organizations. Those with information should contact the Davenport Police Department at 563.326.6125 or email missingchild@davenportiowa.com.

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The Davenport Police Department protects and cares for the well-being of the Davenport, Iowa community by providing excellence in police service. The department handles more than 95,000 calls for service annually. Committed to the values of integrity, fairness, competency, and professionalism through positive and meaningful police-citizen interactions and partnerships. The Davenport Police Department preserves the peace and safety of the community - making Davenport a desirable place to live. Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the department helps ensure the safety of the vibrant community with hard work and strong values. For more information, visit davenportiowa.com/police

