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INFORMATION RELEASE Assault/Abduction-Missing Teenager Update #3

The Solano County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the abduction of 15-year old Pearl Pinson. Pearl was last seen the morning of May 25th being dragged away by 19-year old Fernando Castro and an Amber Alert was issued. Thanks to a tip from an alert citizen, the gold Saturn Castro was believed to be driving was spotted in San Luis Obispo County, where law enforcement pursued the car into Santa Barbara County. Castro shot at officers and was killed during the shootout.

Information obtained from the suspect's cell phone and during a search of the Saturn, led investigators to believe Pearl may be in the Jenner, CA area. With assistance from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office an extensive search of the area was conducted and no sign of Pearl was found.

The Solano County Office of Emergency Services Search and Rescue Team has also conducted a search of the Glen Cove coastline in Vallejo, an open field and stream search of the area around the abduction site, and of the highway 37 from Vallejo to Sonoma County including the Skaggs Island area.

Information obtained from bay area traffic cameras has provided us with the following information about the suspect's car:

- 5/26/16 Car seen westbound I-580 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge at 9:13am
- 5/26/16 Car seen near Sir Frances Drake Blvd in Marin County at 9:20am
- 5/26/16 Car seen southbound 101 Golden Gate Bridge at 9:35am

We continue to search for witnesses and information to help establish the suspect's timeline and where he may have traveled to determine where Pearl is. We are asking our bay area business community to check their surveillance cameras from 7:00am on 5/25/16 to 9:15am 5/26/16 for any sign of the suspect's car. We also are asking anyone who may find a backpack abandoned like this one to contact us.

The tip line remains active for our community to report any information they may have to help in this investigation. Please call 707-784-1963. If you have URGENT information please call Solano Dispatch at 707-421-7090 or by dialing 9-1-1.

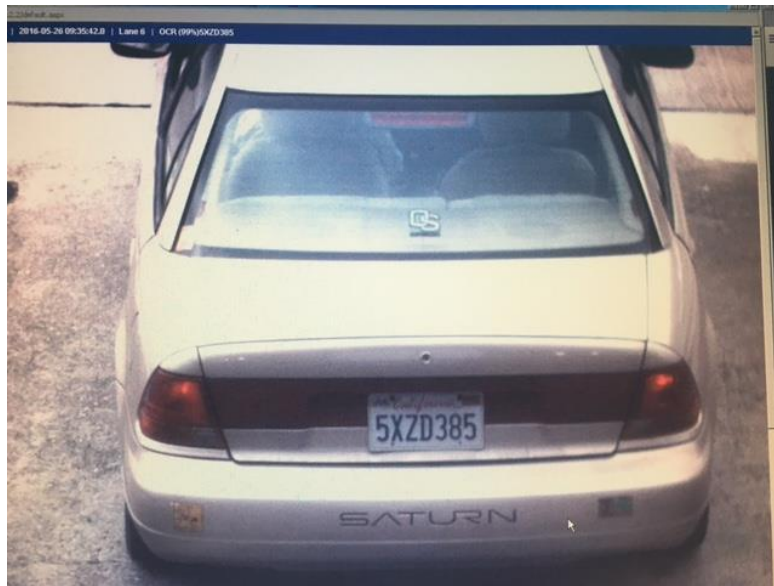
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15-year old Pearl Pinson



Similar to backpack Pearl had at the time her abduction.



Traffic camera photo of suspect's vehicle. Note the distinctive stickers.

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