



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Missing Girl Located

\*\*\*\*\* UPDATED INFORMATION AS OF 20 FEBRUARY 2011 \*\*\*\*\*

The Lancaster City Bureau of Police are asking for assistance from the public and the news media in locating a missing ten year old girl.

On 19 February 2011, at approx. 1101 hrs., the Lancaster City Bureau of police were contacted regarding a ten year old girl who had not been seen by her family since the previous morning. The young girl's family became concerned when she didn't return home. Officers learned that Kathy GELIN B/F/10 was last seen by her family when she left for school on Friday 18 February 2011, at approx. 0800 hrs. GELIN lives in the 400 block of Green Street and attends Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School on S. Duke Street. Patrol officers gathered information from GELIN's family and began contacting other family members and friends, in an attempt to locate the missing girl. City Police Detectives and the Police Department's School Resource Officers were contacted and have been assisting with the investigation. Detectives have been in contact with officials with the School District of Lancaster, who have been assisting the police with their investigation.

Police have learned that GELIN was in school on Friday 18 February 2011 and was last seen leaving the front of the school at dismissal, around 1530 hrs. Police are not sure at this point if GELIN may have gone home with a friend or someone else. At this point, there are no indications of foul play, but police are actively working on this investigation to ensure the safe return of GELIN. Police are continuing to contact GELIN's friends in an attempt to locate her and are exhausting all possible leads regarding her whereabouts.

#### MISSING GIRL – Kathy GELIN B/F/10

400 block of Green Street Lancaster, PA

4'0" tall/ approx. 80 lbs.

Short black hair/ Brown eyes

Last seen wearing: red sweatpants and red shirt w/ design on front

UPDATE:



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On 20 February 2011, at approx. 1115 hrs., Officers and Detectives from the Lancaster City Bureau of Police met at the Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School to continue the search for Kathy GELIN, along with staff from the School District of Lancaster. The Middle Creek Search and Rescue Team was notified and responded to the school to assist with the search. An emergency alert was also sent out by the School District of Lancaster to parents of students in the district, advising them of the on-going search for GELIN. Staff members from King Elementary were communicating with one another in an attempt to help and provided investigators with some additional information. Officers received information that GELIN may have been staying with a friend and may have gone to a local church. Officers responded to the church and located GELIN, who was found safe and well. GELIN was apparently unaware of the efforts by police and others to locate her. After being interviewed, GELIN will be reunited with her family.

The Lancaster City Bureau of Police would like to thank everyone who helped in the search for GELIN, including the news media for getting the word out to the public. We would also like to thank the staff at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School and the School District of Lancaster for their assistance throughout the investigation.

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