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Media Advisory Lucas Hernandez Update

Wichita Police Department (WPD) Officials today said the missing child case involving 5-year-old Lucas Hernandez is a criminal investigation.

Investigators have arrested a 26-year-old female on two counts of endangerment to a child. The charges are related to information revealed during the investigation of Lucas' disappearance. He remains missing.

Officers and investigators have been working on this case nonstop since Saturday evening. Investigators continue to conduct interviews, follow-up on leads, and examine evidence. The department cannot go into further details at this time, because the case is an active criminal investigation.

The WPD wants to thank residents for their interest and involvement in trying to locate Lucas. The search for Lucas is ongoing, and we are still asking for public assistance. If residents have additional information regarding this case, please call the tip line at 316-383-4661.

Lucas was reported missing at approximately 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. Officers were dispatched to a lost juvenile call at a residence in the 600 block of South Edgemoor. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the 26-year-old stepmother of Lucas. She reported she last saw Lucas in his bedroom at approximately 3 p.m. prior to her showering and falling asleep.

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