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Boy's Body Found in Harvey County

Wichita Police Department (WPD) Officials said the body of an unknown boy found in Harvey County may be that of missing 5-year-old Lucas Hernandez. Officials are awaiting the results of an autopsy, expected to be completed later today by the Sedgwick County Coroner's Office.

Relatedly, Lucas' stepmother, 27-year-old Emily Glass, has been arrested and booked into Sedgwick County jail for felony obstruction of justice. Lucas has been missing since Feb. 17.

The body of the unknown child was discovered Thursday evening under a bridge near Southeast 96th Street and Woodlawn in Harvey County. Glass had taken a private investigator to the location. The private investigator had been hired by Lucas' family.

The private investigator called the WPD to report the discovery of the unknown boy. The WPD and Harvey County Sheriff Office (HCSO) Deputies arrived at the scene.

WPD Officials have interviewed the private investigator, David Marshburn of North Carolina, who said he arrived earlier this week. Marshburn told WPD investigators that Glass, the stepmother, led him to the boy's body on Thursday.

WPD Chief Gordon Ramsay said the investigation into Lucas' disappearance continues; anyone with information related to the case should call WPD Homicide Detectives at 268-4181.

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, where Lucas lived with his father Johnathan Hernandez and Glass, the father's girlfriend. Glass had reported him missing, telling investigators she last saw him in his bedroom earlier that afternoon.

The WPD has mobilized significant personnel and volunteers and searched thousands of acres to find Lucas. Ramsay thanked the numerous volunteers and groups who have contributed to the search.

"Child death cases are very difficult on family, police authorities, and the community," Ramsay said. "Our thoughts and prayers continue for everyone involved."

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