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Winona Police Department's Update on Madeline (Maddi) Kingsbury Investigation

As the investigation into Madeline (Maddi) Kingsbury's disappearance continues, we are updating the public on what is being done to find her. Evidence to date suggests Maddi's disappearance was involuntary and suspicious. We remain extremely concerned for her safety.

Multiple law enforcement agencies have been searching for Maddi from the beginning of the investigation. On Friday and Saturday of this past weekend, it is estimated that more than 2,000 people volunteered to search for Maddi.

Since the end of the large, organized searches on Saturday, April 8, law enforcement has continued to conduct targeted searches in Winona and Fillmore Counties. Over the course of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, over one hundred law enforcement and public safety personnel searched these additional targeted areas based off information we have received, via tips or through investigative discovery. We have drafted and served numerous search warrants as part of our search efforts. We appreciate the continued support of the many agencies helping us look for Maddi.

We are receiving dozens of tips a day through Crime Stoppers. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share information with us. Every tip helps. If you know something you think could be valuable and you haven't shared it, please do. You can call 1-800-222-TIPS or go online to crimestoppersmn.org.

Many of you have asked what happened to Maddi's van. It has been taken and processed for evidence. Throughout the investigation, we have worked closely with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to identify and process any available forensic evidence. We are following up on leads and paths of inquiry trying to get answers in this case.

We have had two goals since we learned Maddi was missing: bring her home and if warranted, hold accountable the person or persons responsible for her disappearance. Releasing certain information about the investigation would jeopardize our ability to achieve these goals. We understand just how much the community wants answers and we are asking everyone to be patient as the investigative process unfolds.

We remain confident we will find Maddi and bring her home to her family.