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Info sought in missing Geneva woman case

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Law enforcement officers from nearly a dozen agencies searched across the region over the weekend for Shanna Peoples.

Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said multiple law enforcement searched for Peoples, who was 19 years old when she was reported missing by her parents on Sept. 8, 2011.



Peoples

"Shanna has a limited mental capacity, and investigators are not sure if she was the victim of an accident or if she was harmed by someone," Adams said.

Adams said new information prompted investigators and officers with the Geneva Police Department, Geneva County Sheriff's Office, Dale County Sheriff's Office, Houston County Sheriff's Office, Holmes County Florida Sheriff's Department, the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, the FBI with assistance from Southwest Panhandle Search and Rescue to search several locations.

Adams declined to say what information led investigators to the large-scale search over the weekend. He also declined to say what specific areas they searched.

Investigators believe Peoples may have been wearing blue denim Capri pants and a green tank top when she was last seen in the area of 303 N. Morris Street in Geneva. Peoples was known to walk and ride her bicycle in the community.

To Help

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Shanna Peoples, contact:

» **Alabama Bureau of Investigation's Tip Line:** 1-800-228-7688 or email at www.info@dps.alabama.gov

» **Federal Bureau of Investigation:** Any local FBI office or email at www.tips.fbi.gov

» **Geneva County Sheriff's Office:** 334-684-5660

» **Geneva Police Department:** 334-684-2777

She is about 6 feet tall, weighs about 120 pounds and has brown eyes and brown hair.

Police say Peoples is mentally disabled and takes medication daily for her disability, which she left behind at home.

A \$5,000 reward has already been offered for any information leading to Peoples' location.

"Investigators in the case believe that there are individuals who have information regarding Shanna's disappearance, and these individuals are strongly encouraged to report that information no matter how insignificant they believe it is," Adams said. "This case has been, is, and will remain a priority for local, county, state and federal law enforcement."

Peoples' parents encouraged people to come forward with any information about their daughter.

"We really miss Shanna," Peoples said as she choked back tears Monday at a press conference. "She was my best friend and my child. If you have kids, please hold on to them and tell them you love them, because I don't have that with Shanna."