



EVERMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, April 6, 2023

EVERMAN, TX-The Everman Police Department is transitioning the search for missing 6-year-old Noel Rodriguez-Alvarez from an endangered missing person case to a death investigation.

Based on the totality of the circumstances surrounding the young boy's disappearance, along with evidence collected in the case, Everman connected to the child's death. Everman Police are now wanting Cindy to be extradited from India, where she fled shortly after the investigation began.

Cindy was known by relatives to be abusive and neglectful to Noel. One relative witnessed Cindy strike Noel in the face with keys for drinking water. Witnesses additionally stated that food and water were often withheld from Noel because Cindy did not like changing Noel's dirty diapers.

Investigators are continuing to look into electronic and other information that has been obtained through search warrants. Next steps include identifying potential locations for Noel's remains and conducting a recovery operation. Everman Police are working closely with outside agencies to assist in this venture. Some organized searches have already begun, and more are expected in the coming days.

Everman Police ask the community to stand in solidarity for Noel Rodriguez-Alvarez. The City of Everman will hold a candlelight vigil for Noel on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 8:30 p.m outside the Everman Civic Center located at 213 N. Race Street in Everman.

As the investigation continues, Everman Police have established a timeline of events based on the investigation, as follows:

On July 21, 2022, Noel was last seen by a professional for speech therapy. Several other doctor appointments were missed near this timeline, which ultimately led to warning letters from the Texas Department of State Health Services in order for Cindy to continue receiving government benefits for Noel. Investigators learned that Cindy asked to use a friend's son to pose as Noel at a doctor's appointment so that she could keep her benefits, stating that Noel had Covid-19.

Investigators have confirmed that Noel was alive in early October, 2022, when Cindy gave birth to twins. Noel was seen again in mid-October after they left the hospital. He was described at the time as appearing unhealthy and malnourished.

Witnesses tell Everman Police that leading up to the birth of the twins in October, Cindy made several statements about Noel referring to him as “evil,” “possessed” or having a “demon” in him. Witnesses say Cindy believed that Noel was going to harm the newborn twins.

On November 1, 2022, Cindy obtained passport photographs for all of the children living with her, except for Noel.

On November 2, 2022, Cindy applied for passports for her six children, leaving Noel out of the applications.

Witness interviews suggest that Cindy began trying to explain the disappearance of Noel in early November. She told various stories to people, including claims that Noel was:

1. With his biological father in Mexico
2. With his aunt in Mexico
3. Sold to another woman in a Fiesta Market parking lot

Through the execution of search warrants, witness interviews and assistance from authorities in Mexico, investigators have disproved each of these stories.

There is no evidence or information to support a claim that Noel was sold or trafficked. All stories that Noel was given to relatives have been disproved.

Although the course of the investigation into Noel’s disappearance has changed, the Everman Police Department’s commitment to Noel has not wavered. Everman Police and partnering agencies will continue to fight for Noel.

The Everman Police Department wants to extend its thanks to all assisting agencies, to include: Alliance for Children, Department of Family and Protective Services, CPI Division, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Euless Police, Grapevine Police, Colleyville Police, White Settlement Police, Forest Hill Police, North Richland Hills Police, Mansfield Police, Dallas Police, Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers, all of our federal partners and our law enforcement counterparts in Mexico.

Additional thanks goes out to Euless Police Captain Brandon Zachary and Grapevine Police Captain Marc Shimmick. These commanders have overseen the operations associated with the investigation, and Everman Police is grateful for their leadership, dedication and commitment to locating Noel Rodriguez-Alvarez. They, along with the Everman Police investigative staff, have spent thousands of hours searching for Noel, and we appreciate them all for their work.