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Press Release

Today's Date: March 18, 2013
Date & Time March 18, 2013
Occurred: 6:54pm
Submitted By: Sergeant Steve Carey
Phone: (707) 449-5200
Type of
Crime/Incident: Missing Child Located

Missing 4 year old Located by Concerned Neighbor

Narrative:

On March 18, 2013, at 6:54 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Sun Valley Way for a missing 4 year old with Autism. He walked away from his home through a side gate that was being repaired. He had been missing for less than 10 minutes by the time dispatch received the call from his mother. Officers arrived in the area and immediately conducted a search of the residence and backyard to make sure he was not there. This is done in all missing children cases to make sure they are not hiding in the home. Officers checked the backyards of two adjacent homes.

As officers began coordinating a systematic search of the surrounding neighborhood, several concerned neighbors began conducting their own search on foot, on bicycles, on motorbikes, and in a golf cart. We requested the assistance of the CHP Helicopter to search the area of Centennial Park. We requested the assistance of officers from CHP and Deputies from the Solano County Sheriff's Department to aide in our ground search efforts. We activated our City Watch System to community members living in the Browns Valley area informing them of the on-going search for the missing child.

At about 7:39 p.m., about an hour after the missing child was last seen, the CHP Helicopter pilot was flagged down by a citizen who had located the child in the creek that runs through Centennial Park just east of the Horsecreek Soccer Fields. The creek had a small amount of water and he was found playing in the water. This location is about a half mile south of his home. There is a walkway across the street from his home that leads to the Centennial Park bikepath and the creek. The CHP pilot landed the helicopter and took custody of the child. An officer from our Department took custody of the child and reunited him with his mother.

The Vacaville Police Department would like to thank all the citizens who assisted in searching for this missing child. Without their quick actions this could have ended a lot differently. We would also like to thank the allied agencies who responded to assist us and the CHP helicopter crew for their assistance in locating this missing child.