

Date: July 8, 2024

Subject: Detroit teen missing for six months, family seeks answers

Attachment: Naziyah Harris photo

Tuesday marks six months since 13-year-old Na'Ziyah Harris was last seen getting off a bus on Detroit's east side. The teen was wearing a white, pink and black jacket, blue jeans and blue and white Nike gym shoes when she disappeared. Since then, her loved ones have put up signs, held searches and begged anyone with information on her disappearance to please come forward. It's caused heartbreak and many sleepless nights for her family. Law enforcement search efforts in Detroit's Rouge River area and at a pond in Clinton Township unfortunately resulted in no signs of the teen. During a press conference, a Captain leading the missing persons investigation said he feared her case is now a recovery effort due to the amount of time that has passed since January 9, 2024.

Ensuring that Na'Ziyah Harris' story isn't forgotten is important for us at the Black & Missing Foundation as multiple studies have shown that coverage of white and minority victims is far from proportionate. According to the National Crime Information Center, more than 600,000 people go missing in the U.S. each year. Nearly 521,000 people were reported missing in the U.S. in 2021 alone, with 40 percent of those being persons of color. Na'Ziyah Harris' family deserves answers. Please help us keep her story alive!

To set up media interviews about Na'Ziyah Harris or about missing minority-related statistics please contact Media Relations Manager Annie Mapp.

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About the Black & Missing Foundation:

The Black and Missing Foundation, Inc (BAMFI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to bring awareness to missing persons of color; provide vital resources and tools to missing person's families and friends and to educate the minority community on personal safety. BAMFI was founded in 2008 by experts in the fields of law enforcement and public relations; two vital expertise needed to help bring awareness to and find those missing from our communities. BAMFI creates public awareness campaigns for public safety and provides parents and loved ones of missing persons with a forum for spreading the word of their disappearance, with pictures and profiles of missing individuals. BAMFI also utilizes a variety of media platforms, including print, television, radio, and social media, to help locate those missing.

