

2006 SUCCESS STORIES

On January 8, 2006 The Columbus Communications Center (CCC), in coordination with the Dayton Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, issued an AMBER Alert for a 4 year old black male. The child was last seen in Dayton, Ohio on January 8, 2006. The suspect was the child's Grandmother and a know drug abuser. The Dayton Police Department spotted the suspect in a vehicle and picked her up. During questioning, she advised that the child was at a particular house. The child was then located and recovered safely on January 8, 2006 at 5:00 a.m. The suspect was arrested and charged. The felony charges are grand theft auto, kidnapping and felony child endangering. The AMBER Alert was cancelled at 8:08 a.m.

On February 5, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. the Cleveland Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 24-month old black male. The suspect was 35 years old and a registered sex offender in Cuyahoga County. He has a history of violence because of a 2000 rape conviction in Washington State. According to Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department's website, the suspect served 20 months in prison for raping a 38 year old woman. The mother was with the suspect, who got into her car. An argument ensued and the suspect choked and assaulted the mother, who received minor injuries after jumping out of the car. The child was dropped off, unharmed at an East Cleveland Fire Station at approximately 2:00 p.m., more than eight hours after his mother jumped from the car. The Cleveland Police arrested the suspect for the abduction, but he is still at large. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on February 5, 2006 at 4:08 p.m.

On February 6, 2006 at 7:38 p.m. the Columbus Communications Center, in coordination with the Bexley Police Department and the Columbus Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 2 month old white male. The child was last seen on East Main Street and Drexel, Columbus, Ohio on February 6, 2006 at 12:00 a.m. The mother stated she was worried the child's biological father, approximately 34 years, old had gone on a drug binge and taken the child with him. The mother stated that the suspect failed to show up with the baby to pick her up following a Weight Watchers meeting at Capital University. The suspect was driving a red 2003 GMC Envoy SUV. Columbus Police recognized the vehicle and located the child asleep and appeared in good health with the suspect, who was arrested and is facing a drug paraphernalia charge and one count of misdemeanor child endangering. The child was placed in the custody of Franklin County Children Services, trying to ensure it was safe to return the child home. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on February 6, 2006 at 8:20 p.m.

An AMBER Alert was issued for a 3 year old white male on February 15, 2006 at 11:54 p.m. The child was last seen in Sidney, Ohio. The suspect is the victim's half sister, 23 years old and has violence and drug problems and should not have the child. The suspect had been shot approximately four weeks earlier and fled police officers. The suspect

apparently dropped the victim's mother off at work around noon on Thursday 2/16/06 and failed to return the victim home, which prompted the victim's family to alert the Sidney Police Department. The victim and suspect were found safe in Dayton, Ohio. The suspect was charged with kidnapping and grand auto theft. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on February 16, 2006 at 12:04 a.m.

On March 17, 2006, at 7:15 a.m. the Columbus Communications Center and the Pike County Sheriff's Office issued an AMBER Alert for a 3 year old white male and his mother. They were abducted at gunpoint by the victim's father. The suspect was a white male approximately 23 years old. The child was last seen in Lucasville, Ohio and determined to be in danger due to the mental state of the father. The suspect entered the home of the mother and forcibly removed them at gun point, stole a red 2001 Buick Century from the State of Ohio and tied up the grandparents. The suspect also had two rifles and had threatened to kill both victims and officers if attempted to apprehend. Both the victim and suspect were located in Scioto County, Ohio. The victims were found safe. Kidnapping charges were filed on the suspect. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 3/17/2006 at approximately 11:15 a.m.

On March 30, 2006 at 11:09 a.m. the Columbus Communications Center, in coordination with the St. Paris Police Department, Champaign County Sheriff's Office and Van Wert City Police, issued an AMBER Alert for a 2 year old white female. The child was last seen in St. Paris, Ohio. The suspect was the non-custodial, biological mother, a 23 year old white female who was bonded out of jail on charges of prostitution, possession of crack cocaine and possession of a crack pipe. The suspect has a history of drug abuse and her mental condition was unknown. The suspect was driving a gray-silver Dodge Intrepid thought to be en-route to the residence of the child's biological father in Van Wert, Ohio. The suspect took the child from the grandmother of St. Paris, who retains permanent guardianship of the child since April 19, 2005. Both the victim and suspect were located by the Van Wert City Police Department. The victim was found safe at the biological father's home. The Van Wert City Police Department charged the suspect with interference of custody and inducing panic. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 3/30/06 at approximately 12:05 p.m.

On May 7, 2006 at approximately 11:19 a.m. the Columbus Communications Center, in coordination with the Pickerington Police Department, issued AMBER Alerts for a 2 year old black female and a 13 month old black male. The children were last seen in Pickerington, Ohio. The suspects were a 16 year old black female who was the non-custodial biological mother, and her boyfriend, a 15 year old black male. The victims and suspects all lived in foster home in Pickerington, Ohio. After hearing the alert, the female suspect's grandmother called Franklin County Children Services to report the Children were with her at her home in Columbus, Ohio. The victims were safe and returned to the foster mother. The suspects were not at the Columbus address when Columbus Police arrived. Neither of the suspects had a driver's license and was driving a 1997 White Chevrolet GEO Prism which was stolen from the foster mother. The female

suspect turned herself in at the Franklin county Children Services' intake office on May 8th in the afternoon. The male suspect and the vehicle are still at large. Pickerington Police stated the suspects could face charges of kidnapping, felony theft and child endangering but are awaiting an investigation. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 5/7/06 at approximately 3:10 p.m.

On June 17, 2006 at 6:23 p.m. the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office issued an AMBER Alert for a 1 year old white male and an 8 year old white male. The children were abducted from a Harrison, Ohio address. The children were taken from the babysitter's residence on 6/17/06 at 11:30 a.m. by the father without the permission of the mother. The children are protected by a domestic relations protection order from the Switzerland, Indiana, courts. The protection order does not permit the father to have contact with the children. The suspect was a 28 year old white male. The suspect was driving a 1990's maroon Chevrolet Monte Carlo or a Ford Thunderbird. The suspect was made aware of the AMBER Alert and returned with the children, unharmed, to the Dearborn County, Indiana Sheriff's Office on 6/17/06 at 9:00 p.m. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on June 17, 2006 at 9:30 p.m.

On June 24, 2006 at 8:02 p.m. the Columbus Communications Center, in coordination with the Urbana Police Department, issued an AMBER Alert for a 6 year old white female. The child was last seen in Urbana, Ohio. The suspect is the child's non-custodial mother, a 32 year old white female. The suspect is a cocaine and heroine addict, and has threatened suicide in the past. Clark County, Ohio, Common Pleas Court granted temporary custody to the father based on suspect's drug and suicide history. The suspect is believed to be driving a Blue 1994 Nissan Pathfinder station wagon. The suspect abducted the child from the father, who has custody, and was believed to be searching for the child's brother to also be taken. It was believed that the suspect would be possible en-route to West Virginia. A tip was called in by an unknown person, as a result of the AMBER Alert the child was recovered unharmed on 6/24/06 at 9:50 p.m. in Springfield, Ohio, by police following up on the tip. The mother was arrested and facing charges. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on June 24, 2006 at 10:00 pm.

On June 24, 2006 at approximately 4:09 p.m. The Miamisburg Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 13 year old white male from South Carolina. The suspects, maternal grandparents went to the residence of the custodial paternal grandfather and assaulted him to get the child. They made comments that no one will keep them from the child and they would run from the police. The suspects assaulted the child's mother the day before the abduction. Child's mother described her parents (suspects) as mentally unstable and will become physically aggressive over nothing in particular. The suspects were driving a 1997 Buick Riviera. The suspects then forced the child into their vehicle and fled the area. The suspects were told approximately three hours prior to abduction that they were not permitted to take the child. They also made a statement about running from the police. The suspect's residence was staked out but they were unable to locate them in the city until after AMBER Alert. The child was recovered safely on June 24,

2006 4:20 p.m. in Miamisburg, Ohio. When the suspects returned to their residence with the child, officer waiting by the house observed them. The suspects were arrested and the AMBER Alert cancelled on June 24, 2006 at 4:20 p.m.

On June 29, 2006 at 8:40 p.m. the Columbus Communications Center, in coordination with the Columbus Police Department, issued an AMBER Alert for a 23 month old black female. The child was last seen in Columbus, Ohio. The Suspect is the child's non-custodial father. The mother of the child left the suspect and came to Ohio. Suspect found mother, entered the mother's residence with a gun in his hand. The suspect hit the mother of the child with the handgun. The suspect began wrestling with the mother in an attempt to get the child away from the mother. During the struggle, the suspect pointed the gun at the child and mother. The suspect threatened the mother and child. The suspect got the child away from the mother and left the residence. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous, and that there was an immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death the child. There was no vehicle involved in the alert. The child was found safe and suspect arrested and charged. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on June 29, 2006 at 8:50 p.m.

On July 22, 2006 at 3:34 p.m. the Cincinnati Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 6 month old black male. The child was abducted in Cincinnati, Ohio. The suspects were two black males and one black teenage male. The child was in the back seat of a Maroon Dodge Charger which was a rental car from Dollar Rent-a-Car. Officers responded for a report of a carjacking that occurred in Cincinnati. The suspects approached the complainant who was outside his vehicle. The suspects pointed a firearm at the victim and demanded money. The victim fled leaving his two children playing nearby and his infant son in the back seat of the vehicle in a car seat. The suspects took the vehicle and fled the area. A district supervisor was advised and responded to the scene. Once confirmed the child was still in the vehicle an AMBER Alert was issued. During the preliminary investigation and search, communications section received a call about a vehicle driving recklessly in the area and a response was made to the area. The vehicle was recovered without the child present. Search teams were formed and a canvass of the neighborhood was being conducted when a call was received from the victim's aunt, advising the child was found in a stroller on her front porch in Cincinnati, Ohio. The child was found in good condition. Citizen participation led to the recovery of the vehicle and the child. Not further information on the three suspects, still under investigation. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on July 22, 2006 at 6:25 p.m.

On September 27, 2006 at approximately 9:00 a.m. the Dublin Police Department received a call regarding an 18 year old white female who was abducted from her home in Dublin, Ohio. The suspect was an ex-boyfriend described at 21 years old and a light skinned black man. A child who lives in the home was also missing but police said the child was located safe inside a Columbus home. The victim was later found on the west side of Columbus and was transported to Doctor's West Hospital. The vehicle used in the abduction was a Maroon 2005 Ford Expedition. Dublin Police arrested the suspect on

Wednesday night, September 27, 2006 after getting a 9-1-1 call from the victim, the former girlfriend who was reportedly released two hours after the alleged abduction. The victim stated that the suspect kidnapped, raped and beat her and then fled the scene in his van, which was spotted several blocks away. The victim and suspect have a young daughter. Authorities called the suspect's cell phone number and negotiated his surrender. The victim reportedly spent much of the day seeking medical attention. The suspect faces felony charges; the court appearance is scheduled for October 9, 2006, and is still under investigation.

On November 26, 2006, at approximately 4:46 p.m. the Newark City Police Department in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for a 16 month old white male and 16 year old white female. The victims were last seen in Newark, Ohio on 11/25/06 at 1:54 p.m. The suspect was Hispanic and 29 years old, believed to be driving a Maroon 1992 Ford Taurus Sedan possibly en-route to Florida or Mexico. The AMBER Alert has been modified into a missing child case. Contact the Newark Police Department at 740-670-7200 for further details or to report information on the whereabouts of the suspect/victims. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 11/27/06 at approximately 4:46 p.m.

On November 29, 2006, at approximately 12:50 a.m. the Butler County Sheriff, at the request of the Middletown Division of Police and in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for an 8 year old black male and a 9 year old black male. The victims were last seen in Middletown, Ohio on 11/28/96 at 12:04 a.m. The suspect was a black male and believed to be driving a Gold/Gold 1999 Ford Taurus. The Middletown Division of Police issued a domestic violence warrant for the suspect's arrest after he struck the victim's mother in the head and cut/stabbed leg, critically injuring her, and left with his sons. The suspect also has suicidal tendencies. The victims and suspect were located and the children are safe. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 11/29/06 at approximately 1:25 p.m.