

2007 AMBER ALERT SUCCESS STORIES

On January 16, 2007, 3:48 a.m., the Stow, Ohio, Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 5 year old white male, last seen in the City of Akron, Ohio. The child was from Summit County, and last seen in Stow, Ohio on 01/15/2007, at 7:30 p.m. The suspect, a 39-year old white male and known drug addict. A male caller had a suspicion of where the suspect might be with the child and contacted the Stow Police Department. The information was passed on to the Akron Police. Shortly after the abduction, the suspect and victim were stopped by the Akron Police Department in an unrelated event. The Akron Police tried to stop the suspect but he tried to run two officers over and then fled the area. The suspects vehicle was later found abandoned in the City of Akron. The suspect was apprehended on 01/16/2007 in Akron, Ohio. The child was found safe. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 01/16/2007, at approximately 4:26 a.m.

On April 9, 2007, at 12:30 a.m., the Forest Park, Ohio, Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 1 year old black female who was abducted from Forest Park, Ohio. The suspect is the baby's mother, 39-year old black female and emotionally distraught. The suspect made a phone call to her ex-boyfriend, the baby's biological father and complainant. She left a voice message stating she was going to kill the baby and herself. The complainant was in New Orleans and called the Hamilton County Communications Center (HCCC) to report the information. Law enforcement checked the residence and found it empty. A critical missing broadcast and AMBER Alert was issued. Relatives saw the AMBER Alert, telephoned the suspect/mother and convinced her to return. She did and then called the Police. She actually had left the baby in safe care, unknown, and was in the process of driving to New Orleans. The suspect and child were found safe on April 9, 2007, at 7:30 a.m. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 04/09/2007, at 7:45 a.m.

On June 17, 2007, at approximately 7:58 a.m., the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for two, 2½ year old Hispanic males. They were abducted from Cleveland, Ohio. The suspect was the non-custodial father, a 21 year old Hispanic male, armed with a knife. The children were taken at knife point from their home in Cleveland, and en-route to Columbus. The children were safely recovered and returned to their family around 12:10 p.m. The suspect was taken into custody by the Cleveland Police Department. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 06/17/2007, at 12:14 p.m.

On July 5, 2007, at approximately 6:46 p.m., the Adams County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued an AMBER Alert for a white female, 2 years old. The suspect is the non-custodial father, 22 year old white male. The non-custodial father abducted the child and threatened to "End it All" as he was leaving the residence with the child victim. The suspect also had two warrants on him out of Clermont County. The child and suspect were located prior to the activation being completed. During the activation process, the CCC was notified that the Sardinia Police Department heard the alert, located the vehicle, and apprehended the suspect and recovered the child without incident, which was in a grocery store parking lot in Sardinia, (Brown County), Ohio. The victim was recovered without incident or harm and safely returned to her family. The suspect was being charged with kidnapping, domestic violence and theft. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 07/05/2007, at 7:05 p.m.

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On July 13, 2007, at approximately 7:09 p.m., the Youngstown Police Department, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued an AMBER Alert for a 23 month old black female last seen in Youngstown, Ohio. The suspect is a 33 year old black male and a non-family member (mother's friend). He abducted the child from the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Elm Street, Youngstown, Ohio. The mother is mentally challenged and did not report the incident right away. The suspect is not taking his medication, is known to be mentally unstable, as well as violent. It was felt that the child was in danger because of his violent tendencies. The Ohio Department of Transportation was notified; however, no message boards were activated. The Youngstown Police Department advised the suspect was located and the child was recovered unharmed in Youngstown, Ohio. The suspect was arrested on 07/13/2007, at 8:34 p.m. and charged with kidnapping and theft of motor vehicle. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 07/13/2007, at 8:50 p.m.

On July 27, 2007, at approximately 3:48 p.m., the Cleveland Police Department, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued a statewide AMBER Alert for a 6 year old white female. She was last seen in Cleveland, Ohio, on 07/28/2007 at approximately 11:10 a.m. during a supervised visit with her non-custodial mother. The suspect is approximately 32 year old white female and has mental issues and a known drug user. During a supervised visit, the suspect was able to flee out-of-state with the child. The alert was issued statewide as it was not sure of the destination. The FBI said the suspect and child were located in Camillus, New York, at 8:30 p.m., approximately 325 miles from abduction site. The suspect was arrested and the child was recovered safely. The suspect is being charged with kidnapping. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 07/29/2007, at approximately 9:00 p.m.

On September 10, 2007, at approximately 12:10 p.m., the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued an AMBER Alert for an 18 month old white male, last seen in Delaware, Ohio, on 09/10/2007 at approximately 10:50 a.m. The suspect is the biological, non-custodial father, approximately 37 year old white male. The suspect has known violent tendencies and domestic violence with victim's mother. The suspect was allowed to pick up the child from Prep Academy Schools because he regularly came to see the victim and was not an unknown face to members of the school's staff. The abduction happened as a result of a family domestic dispute. The school's security system video tape was provided and helped to find the child. The suspect was apprehended with the child in Knox County by Knox County Sheriff's deputies. The child was found to be fine and was picked up by the mother. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 09/10/2007, at approximately 12.54 p.m.

On October 29, 2007, at approximately 3:48 a.m., the Union Township Police Department, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued an AMBER Alert for a 22 day old white female, last seen in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 10/26/2007, at 5:00 p.m. Suspect #1 is a white male, approximately 32 years old, Suspect #2 is the child's grandmother, a white female approximately 35 years old, suffers from bipolar disorder and is off her medication. The baby's mother went to the police Sunday. The grandmother had kept the baby all weekend outside the scope of what was arranged. The grandmother and baby live together but the mother is a juvenile, so the custody situation is somewhat unclear. The mother was concerned that the grandmother may

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have stopped taking her medication. It is believed that the grandmother heard the AMBER Alert on the television and called police, and directed them to an address to turn herself in. The baby and the grandmother were picked up. The baby has been recovered safely. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 10/29/2007, at approximately 5:40 a.m.

On November 16, 2007, at approximately 3:00 p.m., the Mt. Healthy Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for (Child #1) a 5 year old white female, and (Child #2) a 4 year old white female, The victims were taken on Friday, November 16, 2008, at approximately 11:20 a.m., from Mount Healthy, Ohio. The suspect is the biological father, 45 years old white male. He was having a mental episode and was not taking his medications, and made statements such as "I can't be trusted alone with the children" and "My children will not call another man daddy". A witness found the suspect vehicle on Ronald Regan Highway and called the vehicle location into the Hamilton County Dispatch. On November 17, 2007, at approximately 1:37 a.m., the victims were recovered safely in Cincinnati, Ohio, approximately 5 miles from the abduction site. The suspect was arrested and charged with kidnapping and child endangering. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on November 17, 2007, at approximately 4:45 a.m.

On December 9, 2007, at approximately 3:30 a.m., the Reading Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 3 year old female. The child and her mother were taken from their apartment in Reading, Ohio, the mother had been raped. The suspect was a 31 year old white male, last seen southbound on I-71. The mother, who was forced to drive the vehicle, fled from the vehicle after pulling over on I-71 near Montgomery Road, leaving the child behind. The suspect then got behind the wheel and drove away. Approximately two hours later, a clerk at a motel in Newport found the car, engine running, headlights on, with the child inside. The child was found unharmed. The suspect is charged with rape and two counts of kidnapping, was still at large. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 12/09/2007, at approximately 5:30 a.m.

On December 15, 2007, at approximately 8:17 p.m., the Putnam County Sheriff's Office issued an AMBER Alert for two 16 year old white males. The victims were last seen at a high school. The sister to one of the boys received several phone calls from an unknown male that said her brother had been drugged and placed in the trunk of a car. The sister's ex-boyfriend was thought to be making threats and could be the suspect, and may be going to Warren County. One of the boy's car had been stolen with a cell phone inside. According to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, the vehicle had been used in a robbery in Paulding County. This cell phone had been used to make numerous calls. The victims were located safely. The suspect involved in stealing the vehicle and the robbery was arrested. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 12/15/2007, at approximately 8:37 p.m.

On December 22, 2007, at approximately 2:35 a.m., the Cleveland Police Department, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued an AMBER Alert for a 22 month old black female, last seen in Cleveland, Ohio, on 12/21/2007 at approximately 12:00 noon. The suspect is the victims aunt, approximately 41 years old, black female. No vehicle was involved. The suspect has known violent tendencies, felony warrant for larceny and prior murder and drug

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charges. The suspect saw her picture on TV and called the child's mother. The child was recovered on 12/22/2007 at approximately 9:59 a.m., unharmed and the suspect was apprehended by the Cleveland Police Department. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 12/22/2007, at approximately 10:40 a.m.