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On February 10, 2008, at approximately 6:12 p.m., the Trotwood Police Department, in coordination with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, issued an AMBER Alert for a 5-week-old infant male. The child was abducted from the mother's home in Trotwood, Ohio, on February 10, 2008, at approximately 11:15 p.m. The suspect is the alleged father. The non-custodial, non-established paternal father came into the home, took the infant, wearing only a t-shirt and pampers, when the temperature was 14 degrees, and fled holding the infant while driving with no car seat and a large Pit-bull in the vehicle. The AMBER Alert was broadcast on the television within 12 minutes, and less than 2 hours later, a tip was received. The child was recovered safely February 10, 2008, at 8:00 p.m., in an apartment in Dayton, Ohio, 7½ miles from the abduction site. The suspect was arrested and charged with abduction. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on February 10, 2008, at approximately 8:00 p.m.

On April 11, 2008, at approximately 7:32 p.m., the Sylvania Township Police Department, in coordination with the Lucas County Sheriff's Department and the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for a 16-year-old female last seen in the Sylvania Township in Lucas County, Ohio. The suspect is the 42-year-old non-custodial mother. The victim has been placed in danger by non-custodial parent in the past, as the mother was possibly involving the child in prostitution. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 04/12/2008 at approximately 6:22 p.m., because new information revealed that the victim went voluntarily with the suspect, and is probably in Florida. The Sylvania Police Department is going to re-enter the victim as a missing endangered juvenile.

Update: On Wednesday, April 16, 2008, the victim was located at a Columbus, Georgia, hospital. Arrangements were being made to return her to the custody of her father. The suspect is being sought on two felony warrants charging her with interference with custody and grand theft auto.

On April 29, 2008, at approximately 11:10 a.m., the Mifflin Township Police Department, in coordination with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for a 3-year-old, male. The victim was last seen on 04/29/2008, at approximately 9:30 a.m., in Columbus, Ohio. The suspect is the 24-year-old biological father, has known drug abuse and domestic violence charges. The child has Asthma and is required to take medication every six hours. Medication was not with the child. The child was recovered unharmed on 04/29/2008 at 11:52 a.m. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 04/29/2008 at approximately 11:53 a.m., when the suspect turned himself and the child into the authorities after he saw a television broadcast. The suspect was arrested and charged with interference of custody.

On May 14, 2008, at approximately 9:05 p.m., the Garfield Heights Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for a 7-month-old female. The victim was last seen on 05/14/2008, approximately 8:45 p.m., at a K-Mart Store in Garfield Heights, Ohio. The suspect is a 25-year-old female. The child's mother and two other females were arrested for shoplifting. The suspect was driving the get-away vehicle. The suspect, with the victim and one other child witnessed the arrests and drove off with the children in the vehicle. It is believed that the suspect heard the AMBER Alert, phoned the child's home and fled after leaving the child at her home in Cleveland, Ohio. The child was taken to the Garfield Heights Police Station and positively identified by her mother, who was still in custody, on 05/14/2008. The child was not harmed and the Department of Children and Family Services will determine temporary placement. The suspect was

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arrested, and charged with kidnapping and inducing panic. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 05/14/2008, at approximately 10:18 p.m.

On June 2, 2008, at approximately 12:01 a.m., the Wilmington, Ohio, Police Department issued an AMBER Alert for an 11-year-old male, last seen on 06/01/2008, at approximately 10:07 p.m. The suspect is the non-custodial/biological mother, 45 years old. The suspect is, is bi-polar, schizophrenic with violent tendencies and has been off medication for a couple of months. The child's father, sole-custodian, reported that his ex-wife took their son without permission also taking the child's clothing/belongs. A witness assisted in the recovery by making contact via a cell phone. The child was recovered safely approximately 2 miles from the abduction site in Wilmington, Ohio, on 06/02/2008, at approximately 12:08 a.m. The suspect was arrested and charged with abduction. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 06/02/2008, at approximately 12:10 a.m.

On June 12, 2008, at approximately 12:13 p.m., the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for a 5-year-old female. The child was last seen in Columbus, Ohio, on June 11, 2008, at approximately 7:40 p.m. The suspect is a 35-year-old non-custodial father. The suspect is considered dangerous and armed with a 9-mm handgun, and seems to be mentally unstable. The child was taken after a domestic altercation with the mother, threatening physical harm. The suspect saw the AMBER Alert on the highway signs and called the police. The police tracked cell phone call via Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) and made the arrest on 06/12/2008, at approximately 3:51 a.m., at a hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Also two women who were driving the suspect around were taken into custody. The suspect was charged with kidnapping and abduction. The child was recovered safely, 3 miles from the abduction site on 06/12/2008, at approximately 3:51 a.m. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 06/12/2008, at approximately 3:51 a.m.

On June 12, 2008, at approximately 1:28 a.m., the Adams County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for a 17-month-old male, last seen in Manchester, Ohio, on 06/11/2008, at approximately 4:30 p.m. The suspect is 29-year-old non-custodial mother and is a known drug user and accused of attacking the toddler's 62-year-old guardian. The suspect was last seen driving eastbound on U.S. 52 in Manchester, Ohio, and may have been headed into Portsmouth area of Scioto County, where she has family. The child was recovered safely on 06/12/2008, at approximately 9:00 a.m. The suspect was arrested and charged with kidnapping and assault. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 06/12/2008, at approximately 9:22 a.m.

On June 15, 2008, at approximately 8:30 p.m., the Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for Child #1 – a 7-year-old female, Child #2 an 8-year-old female. The children were last seen in Uhrichsville, Ohio, on 06/15/2008, at approximately 12:00 p.m. The suspect is a 35-year-old male. Family of the abductor heard alert and began searching places they knew he frequented, found his vehicle and called 9-1-1. The children were recovered safely 10-11 miles from the abduction site on 06/15/2008, at approximately 10:18 p.m. The suspect was arrested and

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charged with kidnapping, rape, gross sexual imposition, fleeing and eluding. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 06/12/2008, at approximately 10:35p.m.

On October 13, 2008, at approximately 9:15 p.m., the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for a 2-year-old female, The child was last seen in Columbus, Ohio, on 10/13/2008, at 5:50 p.m. The suspect is a 38-year-old male with prior domestic violence and assault charges and, may be armed with a tire-iron. The Police allege the suspect attacked his wife with a tire iron on I-270 and took off with their daughter. It is believed that the suspect heard the Alert and dropped the child off at his brothers. The child was recovered safely on 10/13/2008, at approximately 10:45 p.m., after being found with the family in Columbus, Ohio. The suspect was arrested by the Columbus Police and charged with assault. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 10/13/2008, at approximately 10:55 p.m.

On October 20, 2008, at approximately 12:45 p.m., the Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Police Department, in coordination with the Columbus Communications Center, issued an AMBER Alert for a 5-year-old female. The child was last seen at an elementary school in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 10/20/2008, at approximately 11:00 a.m. The suspect is the non-custodial mother, suffers from a bi-polar disorder and has been in mental institutions. The suspect took the child from the elementary school at the end of her morning kindergarten class. The suspect saw the AMBER alert sign on the freeway and left the child at the Reynoldsburg Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. A cellular customer service representative got the suspect to answer her cellular telephone and put her in touch with detectives who setup a meeting for her to turn herself in to the authorities. The child was recovered safely on 10/20/2008, at approximately 3:45 p.m. The suspect was not arrested and no charges filed. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 10/20/2008, at approximately 3:50 p.m.

On November 11, 2008, at approximately 2:52 a.m., the Whitehall, Ohio, Police Department, in coordination with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and the Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued an AMBER Alert for a 2-month-old female. The child was last seen in Whitehall, Ohio on 11/11/2008, at approximately 1:36 a.m. The suspect is a 20-year-old male who also abducted the mother of the 2 month old. The suspect has weapons and should be considered armed and dangerous. Two other male suspects were involved. The suspect was at the mother's home and robbed another male guest then abducted the mother and child. The suspect, mother and victim were found about five hours later in a southeast-side apartment, in Columbus, Ohio. The child and mother were recovered safely on 11/11/2008, at approximately 8:00 a.m. After locating everyone, they found it was not an abduction the mother went willingly. All suspects are being questioned about the alleged robbery. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 11/11/2008, at approximately 8:12 a.m.

On December 3, 2008, at approximately 12:22 a.m., the East Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department in coordination with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Columbus Communications Center (CCC), issued an AMBER Alert for a 17-year-old female. The victim was last seen at a Shell Station in East Cleveland, Ohio, with her non-custodial father, who stated his 17-year-old daughter was abducted by force from the shell Station into a black Jaguar, unknown model

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sedan from Lorain, Ohio. The victim recovered safely on 12/03/2008, at approximately 4:14 a.m. The AMBER Alert was cancelled on 12/03/2008, at approximately 4:14 a.m.

NOTE: The justified alert was issued because the father stated his 17-year-old daughter was abducted from the shell station parking lot by force. Witnesses were interviewed and confirmed the incident. An investigation later revealed that it was the juvenile was trying to get away from the father and the father made a false police report, was charged with filing a false report, obstructing justice and abuse of the 911 system.