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INFORMATION RELEASE – KYRIAN KNOX

ROCKFORD, IL – The Rockford Police Department held a media briefing today regarding the case of missing two-year-old, Kyrian Knox. Kyrian is described as an African-American male, approximately 30 inches tall, 35 pounds, with low cut black hair and brown eyes.

On Thursday, September 17, 2015, officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to a call regarding a missing boy. It is not clear at this point when Kyrian was last seen but it is believed to be mid-August, 2015. Kyrian was in the care of a family friend, prior to his disappearance. There is no evidence to support the belief that he was abducted. Rockford Police Detectives immediately contacted Kyrian's mother, Lanisha Knox, and inquired about Kyrian. Detectives worked throughout the night interviewing friends and family and his information was entered as a missing child in the national database.

Rockford Police, aware of the investigation regarding the discovery of a young child's body parts in a Chicago park lagoon, contacted the Chicago Police Department on Thursday, September 17, 2015, to advise that Kyrian was reported missing from Rockford. DNA samples from Kyrian's mother, Lanisha, have been provided to both the Rockford and Chicago Police Departments and have been sent for processing.

As the course of the investigation continues, Rockford detectives are in ongoing communication with the family, conducting numerous interviews and engaging in a series of targeted searches. Rockford Police is working with several regional and national law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, which has offered resources to assist in this investigation, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.





Rockford Police encourages anyone with information regarding the case to please call the Rockford Police Department at (815) 987-5824, (815) 966-2900 or Crimestoppers at (815) 963-7867. Please refer to the flyer attached to this release and the phone numbers listed, as they are the official phone numbers regarding this investigation. Any other phone number attached to any other flyer cannot be guaranteed to be answered on a 24-hour basis.

Rockford Police will continue to investigate all leads to ensure a safe and timely return of Kyrian to his family.

This is an ongoing investigation. To protect the integrity of the investigation, no additional information is being released at this time.

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