

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) Missing Person - Child

Report Number: 2015-29608 UPDATE
Coroner Number:
Crime/Incident: Missing Person - Child
Location: 27441 Skyview Road Willits, CA
When: Date: 11-20-2015 **Time:** 11:15 AM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	Raina Rinker	5		Willits, CA

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
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Written by: Captain Greg Van Patten
Synopsis: ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE:

On 11-20-2015 at 11:29 AM the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing 5 year-old female child, identified as being Raina Rinker.

Raina was reportedly last seen at 11:15 AM in the front yard of a residence located at 27441 Skyview Road in Willits, California. The residence is located in the rural area of the Brooktrails subdivision.

Raina was described as being a white female child standing 3 feet 5 inches tall, weighing 40 pounds, having brown hair and brown eyes.

Raina was last seen wearing a gray/orange sweater, gray/blue sweat-pants with blue paw print logos and black tennis shoes.

Requests have been made for further assistance from the Brooktrails Fire Department, CALFIRE, and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Team.

Mutual aid requests for other public safety agencies and search organizations were also in the process at the time of the issuance of this press release.

A recent photograph of Raina has been posted on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Facebook website (<https://www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff>).

Anyone with information as to the current whereabouts of Raina is urged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 707-463-4086.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

UPDATED PRESS RELEASE:

On 11-20-2015 at approximately 5:00 PM CALFIRE air and ground personnel were assisting in the search and rescue operation when they located Raina Rinker.

Raina was found in a clearing approximately 3/4 of a mile Northeast of the residence where she was last seen. Raina had descended approximately 400 feet in elevation while walking in heavily wooded terrain.

Raina was found clothed in a minimal amount of clothing and was absent shoes. It was obvious to searchers that Raina lacked a sufficient amount of clothing to keep her warm overnight with expected temperatures to reach in the 40's.

Raina appeared to be in good health and only appeared to have minor abrasions on her body consistent with having walked in the heavily wooded terrain. Raina was transported to the Frank Howard Memorial Hospital for precautionary medical examination.

Due to the circumstances of Raina's disappearance the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office submitted a mutual aid request which resulted in the assistance of personnel from CALFIRE, Mendocino County Search and Rescue, Brooktrails Fire Department, Lake County Search and Rescue, California Highway Patrol, California Highway Patrol

Redding Air Operations, Marin County Search and Rescue, Sonoma County Search and Rescue, California Rescue Dog Association (CARDA), National Guard Air Asset (Camp Roberts), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Monterey Search and Rescue, Contra Costa County Search and Rescue, Napa County Search and Rescue, California Department of Corrections, Sherwood School faculty, Willits Unified School District and Falck ambulance service.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all the personnel and public safety agencies that assisted in the search operation.

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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