## D'WAN 'S MOTHER RE-ENACTS DAY OF BOY'S DISAPPEARANCE

Detroit Free Press (MI) - Monday, December 19, 1994 Author: JOEL THURTELL Free Press Staff Writer; , Staff Writer VICTORIA BENNING contributed

Livonia police and Dwanna Harris walked through Wonderland Mall on Sunday retracing the route she said she took with her 4-year-old son, **D'wan Sims**, before the boy vanished Dec. 11.

The re-enactment was more extensive than one Harris went through last week with police, Detective Sgt. Kenneth Marlow said at a news conference Sunday afternoon.

"We never took a complete tour of the mall that she indicated she did," he said.

"We went to the stores she said she was in," for a broader approach than the previous walk-through, Marlow said.

Police haven't found anyone who remembers seeing **D'wan** at the mall. Marlow said they're still reviewing mall surveillance videotapes that so far have shown neither Harris nor **D'wan**.

Still, Marlow said investigators haven't found any inconsistencies in Harris' story about when she went to the mall.

Since **D'wan**'s disappearance eight days ago, police have received about 500 tips that Marlow said investigators are pursuing.

But, he admitted, "we don't have any major breaking information."

Livonia police, together with state police and FBI agents, today will analyze the tips and any new ideas gleaned from Sunday's re-enactment to decide how to proceed with the investigation, Marlow said.

Marlow said he's "never thought of" the possibility that **D'wan** may never be found. "We're hoping that we'll be reuniting **D'wan** with his family."

On the front door of **D'Wan**'s grandmother's house on Fielding Street in northwest Detroit, a handmade sign pleads, "As a community, help Dwanna relieve her mind by pitching in to locate her baby **D'wan Sims**."

Darlene Harris, who identified herself as Dwanna Harris' aunt, said the family was "spending the day praying."

Caption: Photo JOHN LUKE

: (CUTLINE RAN ONLY IN METRO EDITION) Beverly Harris, Dwanna Harris' mother, waits for her daughter at the Livonia Police Department.

\*\*\*

Memo: PHOTO RAN ONLY IN METRO EDITION; CUTLINE ATTACHED

**Edition: METRO FINAL** 

Section: NWS Page: 3B

Index Terms: CHILD; MISSING; LIVONIA; D'WAN HARRIS

Record Number: 9402150320

Copyright (c) 1994 Detroit Free Press