

POLICE SEARCH HOME OF MISSING BOY'S GRANDMOTHER

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Though the west side home of Beverly Harris looked like a crime scene Monday -- complete with a circling helicopter and yellow police tape -- the house was merely the site of a routine search for clues in the disappearance of **D'Wan Sims**, who's been missing since Dec. 11.

Beverly Harris is the grandmother of the missing 4-year-old boy, and his mother, Dwanna Harris, has been staying with her since the disappearance.

With the family's consent, police searched the house and nearby yards for an hour, looking for clues to the boy's disappearance. Police would not say if they found anything.

"We're just searching, that's all. It's all part of the investigation," said Livonia Police Sgt. Ken Marlow.

Beverly Harris said police arrived at the house around noon without a warning or a search warrant. She said she agreed to the search because "the focus should be on finding **D'Wan**. They're looking for signs of him. They're doing what they're supposed to do."

"We have nothing to hide," she said. "My family has nothing to hide."

Livonia police, Detroit police, Michigan State Police and the FBI are searching for **D'Wan**. Dwanna Harris reported him missing after a shopping trip to Target in Livonia's Wonderland Mall.

Livonia Police Detective Lt. Pete Kunst said the search probably would move south today from the Fielding address toward Dwanna Harris' home in the 6400 block of Vaughan.

On Sunday, police took Dwanna Harris to the Wonderland Mall to re-enact her day of Dec. 11.

"If she was at a certain location for 20 minutes, we stayed 20 minutes and then went on," said Kunst. "So we could re- create and document the exact day that she had on the day of the incident."

Police also have viewed surveillance videotapes recorded the day Dwanna Harris said she and **D'Wan** were in Target and other stores. Police found no images of the boy.

Kunst said police have received more than 500 tips.

"I feel we have some good areas that we're going with the investigation," he said. "But as far as finding **D'Wan** , no, I couldn't honestly say that I feel any better about it."

Police also re-interviewed Dwanna Harris' boyfriend, Victor Jackson, on Monday. Kunst said it was routine to talk to Jackson again.

Dwanna Harris was too upset Monday to talk to reporters about the search, her mother said.

After her impromptu news conference, a man approached Beverly Harris and gave her a dollar, saying he was praying for **D'Wan** s safe return.

Harris thanked him, and the two began to cry.

"We try to keep hope alive," she said. "I think he's alive."

The Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department, a black firefighters organization, has set up a fund to supplement the \$5,000 reward offered by Wonderland Mall officials.

Phoenix President James Gilmore said the Christian Fellowship of Firefighters has offered to help with the reward fund.

Gilmore said donations can be sent to the Beverly Harris Family, c/o Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department, Box 02022, Detroit 48202.

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