



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Missing child taken by non-legal guardian**

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On June 24, 2020, the Centralia Police Department investigated the taking of a five year old child by their non-legal guardian. Five year old Marigny-Gauge Laveau, was taken by her biological mother; who is not her legal guardian. The mother, Mahalia Laveau has a history of child abandonment and suffers from several diagnosed mental illnesses and has been deemed by the court to be unable to care for the child. A statewide warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mahalia. Based on the information provided, we are unable to show that Marigny-Gauge is in danger of serious bodily injury or death; thus not meeting the criteria for an Amber Alert. Mahalia does not have access to a vehicle and may be using public transportation or receiving assistance from friends. It is unknown at this time where Mahalia would go, as she has deactivated her phone and shut down all social media accounts.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Marigny-Gauge or Mahalia, please contact your local police department or the Centralia Police Department at (360)740-1105.