

# PUBLIC'S HELP REQUESTED Charlene McKinney is Missing

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VALDOSTA, Georgia – Charlene McKinny (39) was last seen on Thursday, March 21st. Responding to a citizen E911 call, the Valdosta Police Department (VPD) Officers began an investigation at a residence in the 1300 block of JoRee Street, Valdosta. They were called about 7:30 a.m., last Thursday. The investigating VPD officer learned that the citizen's girlfriend, Charlene McKinney, was last seen on Thursday, March 21st. On that date, McKinney's family members last saw her when she was walking in the Melody Lane area of Valdosta.

VPD Detectives are urgently requesting the public's assistance with locating Charlene McKinney. McKinney is depicted as being 5'4" in height and weighing approximately 180 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes. When last seen, she is described as wearing dark black pants, and a black wig.

The East Central Avenue (500 block) and North Troup Street is believed by the family to be the area where Charlene may be located. On Sunday, March 24th, McKinney was possibly spotted in that area.

The VPD is urgently asking that when anyone sees McKinney or learns of her location, they are asked to please contact E911. That person or persons may also contact the Valdosta Police Department Bureau of Investigative Services at 229-293-3145, or the crime tip line at 229-293-3091.



# Public's help requested: GBI Investigating Death of Markeith Miller

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DECATUR COUNTY, Georgia – The body of Markeith Miller was found on Monday, April 1st. By late Monday, April 1st, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) was requested by Bainbridge Public Safety (BPS). BPS asked for backing in the death investigation of Markeith Miller (35) of Bainbridge. Miller's residence is in the 100 block of Simms Street, but his body was located behind a 200 block of Simms Street residence.

Initially, the investigation impacted traffic in the northeast section of Bainbridge near North Sims Street and Powell Street.

The GBI has stated that an autopsy is scheduled at the GBI Crime Lab at the end of this week. The cause of Miller's death will be determined at that time.

Miller's body and law enforcement was discovered on Monday morning, April 1st. Partnering with the BPS Investigators and Decatur County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Deputies, both GBI Agents and a Crime Scene Specialist began the scene processing

and subsequent investigation.

Law enforcement has stated that the evidence, which is recovered from the scene where Miller's body was found, will be analyzed and processed to aid investigators as a part of Miller's death investigation. Investigators have determined that Markeith Miller was known to other Bainbridge residents in the area as well as known to frequent the area in which his body was found.

GBI Thomasville has stated that this case is active and ongoing. GBI officials have asked that anyone with information on the Markeith Miller death investigation or the case, generally, to please call 229-225-4090 or Bainbridge Public Safety at 229-248-2038.

When the Miller death investigation case is complete, the GBI Thomasville has stated that the case file will be turned over to the South Georgia Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for prosecution.