



News Release

*For Immediate Release*

## **Suspect named in child abduction case, investigation continues**

### **4:48 p.m.**

Springfield Police responded to the 3200 block of West Lombard Street in reference to a reported child abduction.

### **Approximately 5 p.m.**

Officers obtained preliminary information from witnesses regarding vehicle description, license plate and a suspect. Based on this information, SPD was able to develop information leading to a potential suspect.

### **Approximately 6 p.m.**

SPD issued a news release and posted to social media information about the abduction, including suspect, victim and vehicle details.

Following the AMBER Alert protocol, information was provided to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Work continued throughout the night with partners in all area law enforcement at the City, County, State and Federal level.

### **Approximately 7 p.m.**

A multi-state AMBER alert was issued and information was distributed to all area law enforcement agencies and media outlets, including the suspect description and a description of the suspect vehicle.

### **Approximately 8:30 p.m.**

Following up on a lead, investigators located the suspect vehicle at a residence in the 1500 block east of Stanford Street in Springfield. A subject, Craig M. Wood, 45, of Springfield, accompanied the investigators to police headquarters for questioning at that time.

Police also made an initial sweep of the property on Stanford in search of the victim.

### **Approximately 11:30 p.m.**

A group of about 30 investigators conducted a coordinated search of the area near the suspect's residence (1500 block of East Stanford). That search resulted in the discovery of evidence related to this case.

Wood was taken into custody and booked into the Greene County Jail.



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... a search warrant for the residence. The FBI evidence response team arrived and is assisting with the search of the residence.

The investigation is ongoing at this time, with efforts focused on the Stanford property.

Throughout the investigation, SPD has kept the family apprised of ongoing developments.

The next media briefing will be at 11 a.m. at the Springfield-Greene County Public Safety Center, 330 W. Scott Street in Springfield.

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