

**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEWS RELEASE
PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION
1200 CLARK AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103
(314) 444-5603**

May 7, 2007

Department Forms Task Force for Christian Ferguson Case
Seeking Public's Help into Child's Disappearance

The Metropolitan Police Department today announced the formation of a new task force to further the investigation the disappearance of nine year old Christian Ferguson who disappeared on the morning of June 11, 2003. The hand picked five-member team which includes a sergeant, two detectives, and two FBI agents will work solely on developing new leads and solving the 2003 case. The Department hopes this reexamination of the case will renew public interest and generate new leads in this unsolved case.

Christian Ferguson was reportedly being taken to the hospital by his father in a 1999 Ford Expedition in the early morning hours of June 11, 2003. The father told police he stopped to use a pay phone at the intersection of Page and Hodiamont to alert hospital personnel. While on the phone, the father said his vehicle was stolen with his son in it. Approximately two hours later, the vehicle was recovered in the 300 block of Ronbar in Ferguson, Missouri, but without Christian.

Colonel Joseph Mokwa, Chief of Police, says the Department has never stopped working leads on the case. "The Department has devoted a lot of manpower to locating Christian," stated Chief Mokwa. "We must continue to do everything in our power to bring resolution to this case for the family and the St. Louis Community."

Since Christian's disappearance nearly four years ago, the Department and the FBI have continued with an intensive investigation and conducted numerous unsuccessful searches in an effort to locate Christian. "The officers assigned to this new task force are veteran officers who are familiar with the case and will be able to devote their entire energy to bringing closure," added Chief Mokwa.

The Department is asking the public for their help in providing leads in the disappearance of Christian. If you have information please contact the Department at (314) 444-2930 or CrimeStoppers at 1-866-371-TIPS.

###