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Missing Endangered Person

On Saturday, February 17, 2024, we received a tip that Amanda Rose Prowell-Smith and her child, Eliza, were in a laundromat in Warren, Michigan. We requested the Warren Police Department to respond to the location. Upon their arrival, Officers located Ms. Prowell-Smith and Eliza. Auburn Hills Detectives and the Department of Health and Human Services responded as well. Ms. Prowell-Smith was taken into custody by Auburn Hills Officers for outstanding arrest warrants, and Eliza was placed in the care of Child Protective Services. Eliza was transported to a local hospital for evaluation. There were no injuries during the incident.

The search for Amanda and Eliza was unique and challenging. The Auburn Hills Police Department would like to thank the local media who reported this incident and the public for their vigilance and persistence in calling in tips. We are also very grateful for all the agencies that assisted us in the search: Warren Police, Detroit Police, Michigan State Police, Detroit Department of Transportation Police, Bloomfield Township Police, Troy Police, Royal Oak Police, Birmingham Police, and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

"This was an outstanding example of teamwork between the public and the police. I am incredibly proud of all the officers and detectives who worked on this case and their relentless search for Amanda and Eliza. I could not have asked for a better outcome to this search. Thank you to everyone who assisted." – Auburn Hills Deputy Chief of Police Scott McGraw

On Friday, February 2, 2024, it was reported to the Auburn Hills Police Department that Amanda Rose Prowell-Smith (age 32) assaulted a family member at a residence located on the 2300 block of South Blvd in Auburn Hills. Information obtained by the officer was that Amanda's 1 ½-month-old daughter, Eliza, was present in the apartment at the time of the incident. On February 5, 2024, it was discovered that Amanda and Eliza had not been seen or heard from since the incident and were reported missing by family. Additionally, it was learned that Amanda has a long history of mental illness and was not stable enough to care for a child. It was reported that this infant was not born in a hospital, has no documented birth record, and has not been seen by a doctor. Auburn Hills Detectives were later informed by the Department of Health and Human Services (CPS) that Amanda's two other children had previously been removed from care due to Amanda's mental state. At this time, it has been determined that Amanda is incapable of caring for herself or her child. Amanda and the infant, Eliza, have not been seen or heard from since the evening of February 2, 2024. Amanda does not have a cellular phone, a vehicle, or any means of providing care for herself or Eliza.



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Eliza Prowell-Smith

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