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Search for Missing Man Continues

Toledo, OH (June 12, 2020): The Missing Persons Case of Daniel Wiggins Jr. was opened on January 23, 2020 after Ashley Morgan, a woman claiming to be Wiggins' fiancé, reported him missing. The case is still open and assigned to Missing Persons Detective, Det. Muszynski. Below is a timeline of events in Wiggins' case:

- January 22: Just after 1:30 in the morning, a Toledo Police Unit conducted a traffic stop on a silver Ford Fusion in the 1100 block of Gordon Street. The vehicle was registered to Daniel Wiggins who had a Felonious Assault warrant for intentionally striking the mother of his children, Kiearra Fields, with a vehicle on January 2, 2020. The occupant of the vehicle fled and one of the officers chased the suspect on foot while the other officer stayed with the vehicle, not knowing if anyone else was inside the car.
- January 23: Around 1:00 in the afternoon, a woman named Ashley Morgan called police to report Wiggins, her fiancé, was missing. Morgan claimed that Wiggins had called her late night on 1/21 at 0140 hours. However, it is believed that based on other interviews, Wiggins actually called Morgan on the morning of January 22. Either Morgan or the officer who wrote the report inadvertently documented the call as coming in on January 21. In the missing person report, Morgan stated that Wiggins was "frantic" and that people were chasing him. Wiggins instructed Morgan to pick him up in 1100 Walbridge, which is the opposite direction of Swan Creek. Morgan stated to the officer who took her report that she talked to Wiggins for about ten minutes and was preparing to go pick up Wiggins. Morgan later told Det. Muszynski that she never planned on picking him up because she was sleeping. Morgan further stated that was when Wiggins' phone "cut off" and she had not heard from him since.
 - o Through investigation, it was later learned that after Wiggins hung up with Morgan, he called Fields and told her he was running from the police and was trying to get to her house, which was on Wright Ave. Swan Creek is north of Gordon, and Wright Avenue is south of 1100 Gordon which means that Wiggins would have ran away from the creek if he were trying to get to Wright Ave. It is unknown if Wiggins ever made it to Fields' location.
- Det. Muszynski and her supervisor worked closely with Wiggins' family and spoke with them numerous times. Wiggins' father stated early in the investigation that he was not too concerned with Wiggins' disappearance and believed that his son did not want to be in jail on his birthday, which was February 4.
- January 23 and January 24: The Swan Creek bank was searched by Toledo Police - nothing

was found.

- January 27: 13 ABC requested the report for Wiggins and it was provided to them. That same day, 13 ABC ran a story on Wiggins.
- January 28: Ohio Lost and Missing People shared Wiggins' Missing Person photo on social media. Also on January 28, 13 ABC News in Toledo aired a story on Wiggins and showed the body and dash cam video provided to them by Toledo Police
- January 30: Toledo Police K9s worked the creek bank in the area of Swan Creek where it's possible that Wiggins ran. Again, there was no trace of Wiggins.
- February 5: 13 ABC ran an updated story on Wiggins showing dash and body cam from the night his car was pulled over.
- February 10: Members of the Toledo Police Detective Bureau met with Wiggins' mother and grandfather. Different people in Wiggins' life were providing different accounts of his activities and because of this, Toledo Police Detectives worked closely with Wiggins' biological family. Wiggins' mother and grandfather conveyed that Wiggins owed people money and potential leads were investigated.
- February 14: Det. Muszynski went to the river bank again to check the area for Wiggins - nothing was found.
- Feb 17: Crystal Burk, who works with Daniel Wiggins' mother, and Burk's boyfriend, James Meyer, reported to the police that she received a text message from an unknown number stating that Daniel had been kidnapped. The text message demanded \$9000 in order for Daniel's safe release and that if the police were called, Daniel would die. Toledo Police Detectives investigated the number and found that it came from a Nigerian phone application. There was no further communication from that number.
- February 17: Wiggins' poster was displayed on Missing People in America.
- March 2: Det. Muszynski spoke with Ms. Boyd (Wiggins' mother) again. There were no updates and no new leads.
- April 4: Drones were deployed over the area to check for any findings over the creek. Again, nothing was discovered.
- June: Det. Sgt. Smith is working with Wiggins's sister in regards to telephone data from the night Wiggins called Morgan and Fields.

The river bank was searched multiple times by Toledo Police and the Wiggins family and loved ones. The Missing Person case remains open and investigation will continue. It is the sincere hope of the Toledo Police Department that Wiggins is found safely so that his family and loved ones can be at peace.

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