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Lewis County Sheriff's Office Investigates Missing Centralia Woman

Detectives with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office are requesting the public's assistance in locating Elizabeth Pham, a 33 year old Centralia woman, who was last seen on Saturday, October 10th. Pham, a mother of three, whose whereabouts are unknown, may be suffering from postpartum depression, according to her family.

Elizabeth's vehicle was located, unlocked with the keys inside, southbound I-5 near MP 59, in Toledo, on Saturday evening by the Washington State Patrol.

Through investigation, it is believed Elizabeth left her vehicle on I-5 Saturday morning, and walked to GeeCees Truck Stop, where she attempted to get a ride with a truck driver who was heading to Redding, CA. An employee of GeeCees stopped her from getting into the truck cab and called a taxi for her. Once the taxi arrived, Elizabeth asked the taxi driver to take her to Olympia. The taxi driver first stopped at Elizabeth's vehicle and allowed her to obtain personal items from the vehicle. The taxi driver described Elizabeth's behavior as "unusual and confused".

Elizabeth was then dropped off at the Shell Station at exit 59. She went into the Shell station, but did not buy anything and stayed in the store for about 20 minutes. Witnesses say she then walked to Beasley's restaurant, where she placed an order.

From there, a witness reported seeing a woman later in the day, matching Elizabeth's description, sitting under the overpass at exit 59, staring into the Cowlitz River.

On Sunday, a makeup bag identified as Elizabeth's, was turned into the Castle Rock Police Department after a fisherman located it downriver from the area Elizabeth was

last seen. Detectives are trying to determine how the makeup bag ended up where it was found.

Elizabeth was last seen wearing red/pink top, purple pajama bottoms, and socks. She is a white female, 5'6", 122 lbs., blonde hair and blue eyes.

“At this time, we do not know what happened to Elizabeth. There are a lot of possibilities that need to be examined. Elizabeth may have gotten a ride out of the area, and be gone on her own volition, we just don't know at this time. Detectives will be obtaining and reviewing video surveillance from businesses near the areas she was reported to be and will be coordinating a search of the river and riverbanks as well. Our detectives will continue to work diligently on this case,” said Chief Deputy Bruce Kimsey.

If anyone has seen Elizabeth or has any information on this case they are asked to call Detective Jeremy Almond of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at (360) 748-9286.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

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