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Police Seek Public's Help Locating Missing 14-year-old Newark Girl

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara requests the public's help with finding Maricely Velazquez Mercado, a 14-year-old Hispanic girl from Newark, who was reported missing yesterday on December 20, 2021.

The girl, a student at Elliott Street Elementary School, was last seen at her home on Carteret Street around 9 p.m. and may have left in an unknown vehicle. She is described as 4'11" and 136 pounds with brown eyes, and light and dark brown hair. She has a light skin complexion and was wearing black and brown pants with strips and a black jacket.

Director O'Hara urges anyone with information about the girl's whereabouts to call the Police Division's 24-hour Crime Stopper tip line at 1-877-NWK-TIPS (1-877-695-8477). All anonymous Crime Stopper tips are kept confidential and could result in a reward.

Anonymous tips may also be made using the Police Division's website at: www.newarkpd.org or through our Smartphone App available at iTunes or on Google Play. Search Newark Police Division to download the App.



Maricely Velazquez Mercado