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**Police Seek the Public's Help in Locating Missing 17-Year-Old Girl**

Newark Public Safety Director Fritz G. Fragé seeks the public's help in locating Lesley Castillo, 17, who was reported missing on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Lesley arrived in Newark three months ago from Ecuador and is 5'5" tall and 190 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing navy leggings, black sneakers, and a long navy coat. She was also seen traveling toward Penn Station carrying her belongings in a white bag, green bag, and black bag. Lesley is not a frequent runaway.

Director Fragé urges anyone with information about the whereabouts of Lesley Castillo to call the Police Division's 24-hour Crime Stopper tip line at [1-877-NWK-TIPS](tel:1-877-NWK-TIPS) ([1-877-695-8477](tel: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: <https://npd.newarkpublicsafety.org> **Newark Police Division** or through our Smartphone App available at your App Store. Search Newark Police Division to download the App.



**Lesley Castillo**