

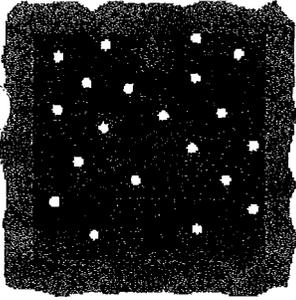
MANASSAS PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Thursday, December 3, I walked into your station to report my son, missing; something I'm sure no parent ever wants to do. I've never been so scared in all my life. My firstborn may not have been home for Christmas. Each day is hell to wake up to and at night, you know you have to sleep but cant. I was greeted in your office by a young female officer, Officer Boorman who very quickly did what she needed to calm me down. Bless her heart, she had an amazing task at hand and she handled it beautifully; anyone that could have calmed me that day was truly a gift from God.

She called Officer Mosher down to talk with me and I was so upset, I couldn't fill out the paperwork. He did it for me. Three other officers were outside talking to a witness in the case. After doing the paperwork, they both assured me that I could come by at anytime to ask questions and explained the process of the search. They put my mind at peace and gave me hope. I'm a very blessed parent, a lot of moms wont get their babies back this Christmas.

Officer Mosher explained to me that your K-9 Unit would be helping in the search for my son. They spent hours at the site trying to find him. I'd like to give that K-9 a hug someday if that's okay. They explained to me that he couldn't pick up my son's scent; not necessarily a bad thing, but still scary that he wasn't found. Officer Mosher explained to me that might mean he simply wasn't in the area. He tried to give me hope without giving "false hope". That's a hard thing to offer a mother but he did it well.

So many times, the Public questions "Where are the Police when you need them? Why are they not here yet? I've complained my self; please forgive me. I got my first traffic Ticket this year. I complained a bit but it was my actions that gave it to me. It was one of your officers. I'm so blessed to be living in this area. I live in Prince William County not two miles from your offices but my son was in Manassas Park. I found out that he was at the hospital. My son was alive.



Officers Brann and Reinhart went over and checked on him and he was fine. I also spoke twice at your office with Officer Qazei; very helpful and he offered lots of information. Your guys led me right along on what to look for, what questions I could ask. I basically got a free course in what Officers do when finding missing persons.

I never once questioned if you were doing all you could. We may not always see you out there but it's because we aren't looking. You went out there, you asked questions, you performed searches, you listed him as missing.

You took time from your families, when another family needed you instead. You risked your own life to help save another's life. You went the extra mile to bring a son home for Christmas, all the while knowing you could be in danger at any second. I'm so sorry that we as public citizens question your service. I cant say thank you enough. I can only pray for each and ever Officer on that force that God goes with you EACH AND EVERY DAY and NIGHT. I pray that he'll put a wall of protection around each of you; your wives, husbands, moms, dads, must be so proud of who you all are, but too, I know they worry.

Please be careful out there, someone wants you back home at the end of your shift. Thank you for bringing my son home. Merry Christmas, enjoy it and savor it. Take care and God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,