

## FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Missing teen body recovered

FLORISSANT, MO- On September 30th at approximately 3:30 pm members of the Metro West Fire Protection District Dive Team along with the assistance of the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District, Pattonville Fire Protection District, Missouri Highway Patrol and Gateway Search dogs recovered the body of a missing teen from Coldwater Creek. The juvenile is identified as:

Deonte Jenkins Black male 15 years old

On September 29<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8pm the Florissant Police Department was notified that Deonte Jenkins was missing and was last seen in the area of Coldwater creek behind the Dierbergs located at 222 N. Hwy 67 at about 1:30 am on the 29th. The missing juvenile's mother told police that she was notified by friends of Jenkins that they were all together running toward the creek and he was last seen jumping in the creek.

This began on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1:30 am when a stolen vehicle fleeing Hazelwood Police crashed near the intersection of US Hwy. 67 and Washington.

All of the occupants of that stolen vehicle fled on foot and into the wooded area toward the creek behind the Dierbergs.

Hazelwood police made three arrests and at the time of the apprehension believed everyone to be in custody that fled the stolen vehicle. Of the three that were arrested there was no mention of any other persons that were not accounted for.

For more information in reference to the stolen vehicle and arrest of the juveniles please contact the Hazelwood Police Department.

As you can imagine this is a very difficult and emotional time for everyone involved in this tragic event. Our thoughts are with the family during this difficult time.