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Police crime scene tape surrounds toddler's home

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WATERVILLE — Even as Maine State Police this afternoon marked the home of missing toddler Ayla Reynolds as a crime scene, authorities said the case remains a search for a missing child and declined to release additional details.

The state police Evidence Response Team as well as Incident Command and Communication trucks are also at the Waterville home — at 29 Violette Ave. — where the 20-month-old child was reported missing Saturday morning. Yellow crime scene tape has been placed around the property.

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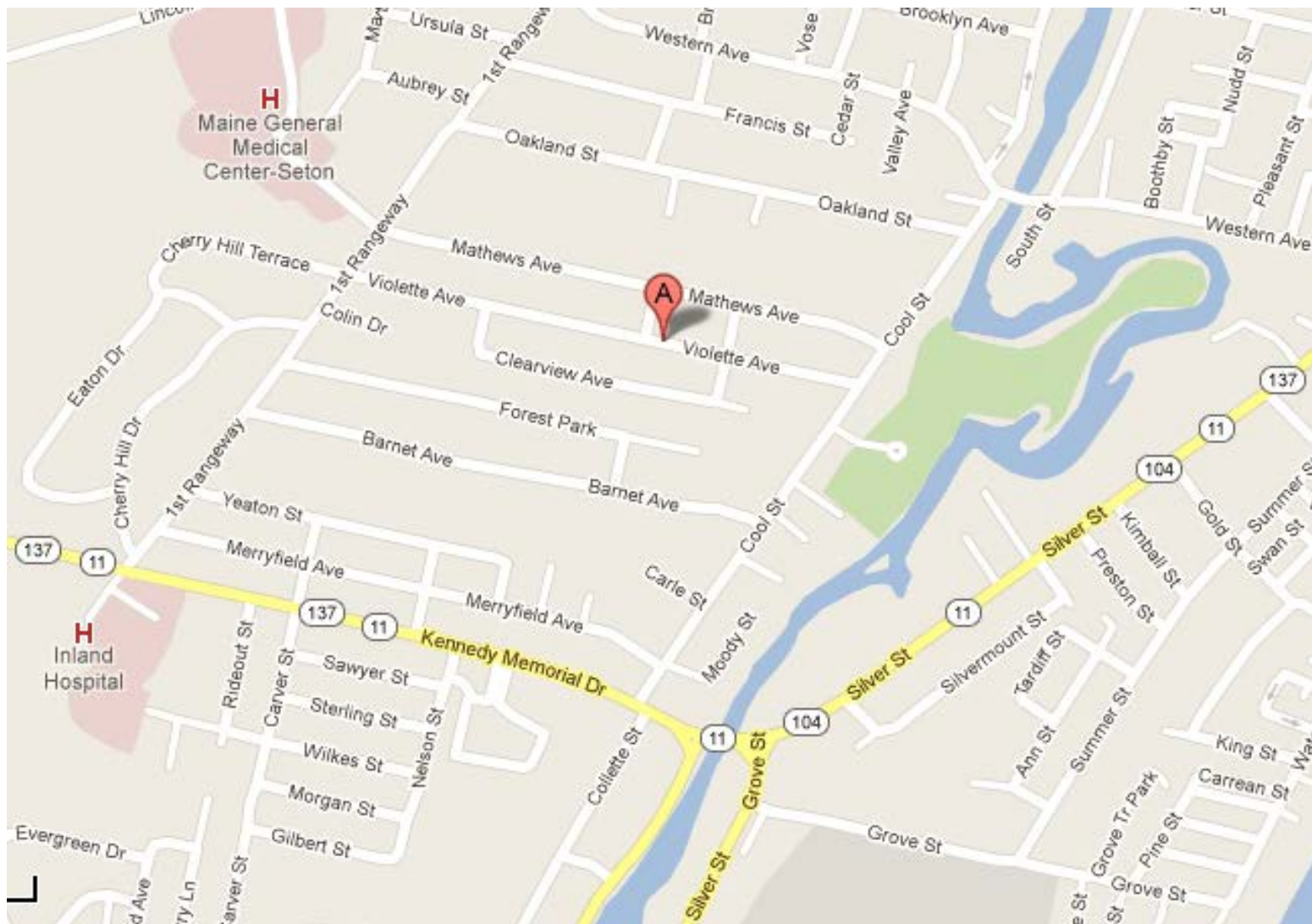


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Waterville Police Chief Joseph Massey speaks at today's press conference.



Map showing the location of 29 Violette Ave. in Waterville

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At a 2 p.m. press conference, Waterville Police Chief Joseph Massey said it is still considered a missing child case and he said the crime scene tape is merely meant as a barrier to aid officers searching the home. A cadaver dog is also included in the search, he said.

“I think we have made significant progress” in the investigation, Massey said, though he declined to release additional details.

Massey said more than 100 leads have come in and that Maine State Police and its personnel are investigating the home at 29 Violette Ave., where Ayla Reynolds was last seen.

Waterways are still being searched, Massey said. He declined to speculate on Ayla’s well being.

Massey concluded the press conference after just a few minutes.