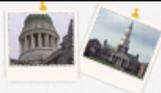




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# 2 months since Ayla vanished; probe continues

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**AUGUSTA, Maine** (NEWS CENTER) -- State police say they have received more than 900 leads in the case of missing toddler Ayla Reynolds. But, they say, they are still waiting for more answers from the three adults inside that Waterville home the day Ayla was last seen, Justin DiPietro, his sister Elisha, and his girlfriend Courtney Roberts. Ayla's mom, Trista Reynolds, says she is waiting to hear from them, too.

Reynolds said, "I'm at two months into this and I still don't have that one thing to tell me where she is or at least tell me that one thing that happened to her that night."

It's a question that both Waterville and State Police have been trying to answer since December 17 when Justin DiPietro, reported her missing from his Waterville home.

Public Safety Spokesperson Steve McCausland says Ayla's case hits home for investigators. "No doubt about it," McCausland said. "This will be the most intense investigation investigators will ever face in their career. We've never had a case like this.

They all have children. They can all relate to it. And because of it, the determination, the resolve to get the answers is that strong."

McCausland says investigators have contact with the three adults who were the last to see Ayla, but that's about it. "The circumstances under their first version that the child was abducted, we dispelled weeks ago because it just doesn't hold water," McCausland said.

In recent weeks, Justin DiPietro has not spoken to reporters, and neither Elisha DiPietro nor Roberts has agreed to interviews either, though Elisha DiPietro's lawyer said this week she has told

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investigators everything she knows. Reynolds says DiPietro has stopped talking to her, too. She's angry none of them will speak up for Ayla's sake..

"I texted [DiPietro] this morning and was bluntly out like, 'We're on 2 months today. Do you even care? I haven't heard from you. You're not talking to me. Like I said, c'mon. Tell me. Please tell me.'" Reynolds says she didn't get a response.

Still, police continue to say they haven't ruled anyone in or out as suspects in this case. "We need the full story before we start proceeding to that point, and we haven't gotten the full story, and that's what we're hoping and we can continue to hope that we're going to get it," McCausland said.

And so those close to ayla continue to wait. And Reynolds has a message for her daughter. "Mommy's still here and I'm fighting and I won't let anyone get away with this. Justice will be brought for you, princess. I love you," Reynolds said.

If you have any information about where Ayla Reynolds might be, you are asked to call state police at 1-800-452-4664. There is a \$30,000 reward for information leading to her.

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