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Police decline to comment on blog's claim in Ayla case

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Over the weekend, the Reynolds family launched a blog, www.answersforayla.com, that includes links to medical, court and Maine Department of Health and Human Service documents, and a purported detail from the ongoing investigation regarding blood found in the home.

“We were ... told by the lead investigators that (the blood) was ‘more than a cupful,’” according to the site.

Department of Public Safety Spokesman Steve McCausland said Monday he has reviewed the blog but wouldn't comment on its contents.

“Any specifics that might be mentioned are investigative details that we're not going to get into,” he said.

In mid-January, McCausland announced the discovery of blood in the basement of 29 Violette Ave. He

said the laboratory had attributed some of the blood samples to Ayla but would not say how much.

McCausland said investigators are not losing steam as the case enters its fourth month.

“The work continues, the resolve remains and progress is being made,” he said.

As of Friday, investigators have received 970 tips in the case, which is a sign that Ayla is still on “a lot of people’s minds.”

Although he wouldn’t comment on the specifics of the blog, McCausland said the site serves a purpose.

“It’s another way of utilizing the Internet to keep Ayla’s name in the forefront, and that is positive and helpful,” he said.

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