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Stunning words from Ayla Reynold's mother

Ayla reported missing Dec. 17

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PORTLAND, Maine — It's been more than five months since Ayla Reynolds was reported missing from her father's home in Waterville.

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Friday is National Missing Child day and Ayla's mother, Trista, spoke with News 8 about her daughter.

"A mom knows and like deep down, I don't believe that I will ever see Ayla again," said Reynolds.

She told News 8's Meghan Torjussen that the glimmer of hope she had for her daughter's safe return is dimming.

"It's hard to keep your faith going when you have nothing to go on, nothing to go on," she said.

Ayla's father, Justin DiPietro, reported her missing from his Violette Avenue home in Waterville on Dec. 17.

State police have said his story about Ayla being kidnapped from the house doesn't pass the straight-face test. Trista agrees.

"Deep down I know he has the answers I'm looking for and he's too cowardly to tell me," Reynolds said.

Trista said she hasn't heard about any developments or leads from investigators recently.

"Whoever has her or knows something, just tell us so she can come (home), let her be at peace, please. I want Ayla to know that I love her very much," said Reynolds.

Police have not made any arrests or named any suspects in Ayla's disappearance.

News 8 left Justin DiPietro a voicemail to ask him about the case and Trista Reynolds' comments. As of Friday afternoon he has not returned our call.

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