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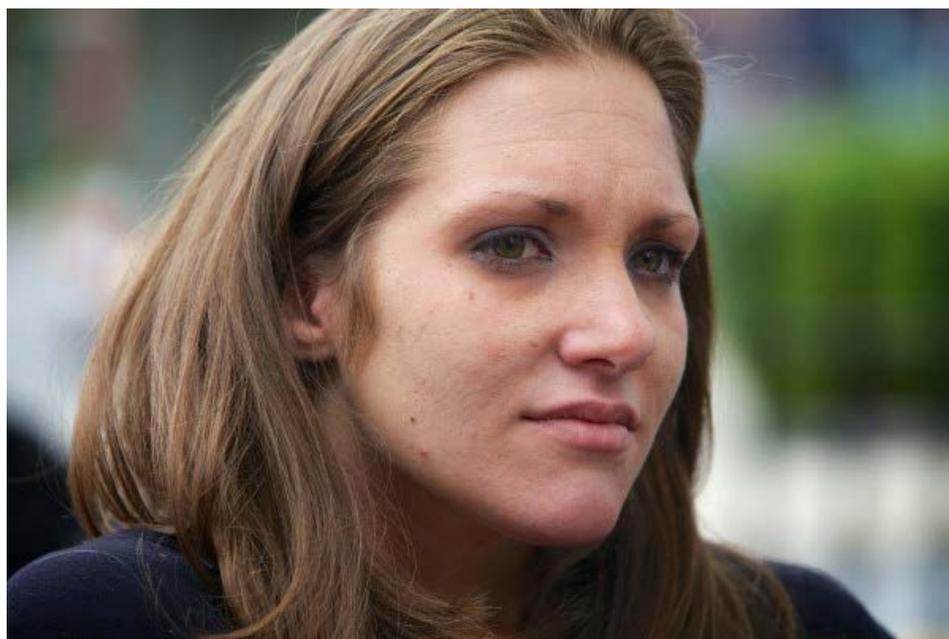
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Ayla Reynolds' mother seeks continued child support



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Trista Reynolds, mother of missing toddler Ayla Reynolds, talks with the press outside the Cumberland County Courthouse Wednesday in Portland. [Buy Photo](#)

By CBS 13,
Posted Nov. 03, 2014, at 6:53 p.m.

AUGUSTA, Maine — There's a hearing this week to decide whether the father of missing toddler Ayla Reynolds should continue to pay child support for the girl.

Justin Dipietro reported Ayla missing from his home almost [three years ago](#).

For the past year, Trista Reynolds, Ayla's mother, has received an \$82 check once a week from Justin Dipietro. It's a child support payment for their missing daughter, Ayla.

On Wednesday, they're scheduled for a Department of Health and Human Services hearing about whether Dipietro should keep paying that money.

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Neither parent has to appear at the DHHS hearing, but Reynolds says she'll be there and she hopes Dipietro will be, too.

When asked why Reynolds thinks Dipietro should pay even though police don't believe their daughter is alive, Trista said that "some people might feel that way, but I feel that until Ayla's body is found and brought back to me, he should still be responsible for her."

Reynolds added, "She needs to know that Mommy is still here, and I didn't go anywhere and I didn't stop fighting, and I'm not gonna stop fighting for her. Because justice needs to be brought."

The last time Trista and Justin saw each other was when Dipietro appeared in court on a charge unrelated to his missing daughter's case.

Dec. 17 will mark three years since Ayla was reported missing. No one was has been charged in connection the case.

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