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Missing Person

Up to \$10,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers along with investigators from the El Cajon Police Department's Crimes of Violence Unit continue to look for leads to help locate Elijah Bear Diaz.

Elijah Bear Diaz was last seen on August 29, 2015 when he was dropped off, at approximately 10:00 pm by his mother, at his residence on Joey Lane in El Cajon. She reported him missing the following day. During the investigation, El Cajon Police detectives discovered that Elijah's cell phone had been turned off on August 30, 2015. His 50" television was missing from his bedroom along with bed sheets and the contents of a safe.

Elijah Bear Diaz is a Native American male and a member of the Barona Indian Tribe. He is diabetic and, at the time he was reported missing, was using crutches to move around due to a slow healing injury on his left foot. He has had no contact with his family or friends and has not used social media since he was reported missing. There has been no activity on Elijah's bank account and he has not picked up his issued checks from the Barona Tribe. To this date, police do not know if Elijah Bear Diaz is voluntarily missing or if he has been a victim of foul play.

- •Elijah's family will be available for interviews in front of the El Cajon Police Department, located at 100 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, today at 2:00 p.m.
- •Elijah's family is offering a \$9,000 reward in addition to Crime Stoppers' \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to Elijah's whereabouts.

***A photo of Elijah Bear Diaz can be found on page 2 of this release ***

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Elijah Bear Diaz is asked to the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at www.sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to El Cajon Police Department Lieutenant Soulard at (619) 593-5767.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at msherring@pd.sandiego.gov or Deputy Marcial Lopez at (619) 531-1547 or email at marcial.lopez@sdsheriff.org.

Picture of Elijah Bear Diaz



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