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RPD statement regarding the recent Lake George deaths

Chief James Sheppard and the Rochester Police Department would like to express their most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Adam Parcels, Noel Parcels, and Mia Parcels who were found deceased near Lake George, NY on September 6, 2011. Below is a chronology of events and contacts that the family had with RPD in the days just prior to the discovery of the bodies.

- On Friday September 2, 2011 at about 7:40pm, RPD responded to a call from the mother of the 10yr. old female victim, Noel. She told officers that during a visit, the father of the child, Adam Parcels, had taken their daughter to go camping for the weekend against the mother's wishes. Officers were told that there was a custody/visitation order in effect stipulating that Mr. Parcels was to have only supervised visits until 8pm on Fridays. (A custody/visitation order is a civil order signed by a Family Court Judge. It is NOT an Order of Protection which is granted by a Family Court or a City Court Judge if a crime has previously occurred involving the protected person.)
- While speaking with the mother, officers were told that she did speak to Mr. Parcels via cell phone shortly after he left with their daughter and was told that they were getting ice cream and that he would bring her back later that night.
- Officers documented the incident on a Domestic Incident Report (DIR). The DIR is a NYS form that is completed for all incidents of a domestic nature. It is not a crime report. It is also completed in conjunction with a crime report when a domestic offense has occurred. The person issued the DIR can then approach the courts for further action to be determined by a judge.
- The officers were given no indications that the child was in imminent danger or threat of physical harm. Mr. Parcels act of leaving with the child did not rise to the level of a crime nor did it meet the criteria for an Amber Alert.

The criteria for an Amber Alert are as follows: an abduction has occurred, and the following are also met:

- 1) *The child is 17 years of age or younger, and*
- 2) *It is believed that the child is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death, either at the hands of*

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another or due to a proven mental or physical disability.

*****The criteria was not met hence, no Amber Alert was issued.*****

- On Monday September 5, 2011 at approximately 9:15pm, RPD responded to another call from the mother stating that Mr. Parcels had not returned with the child. At this time, a crime report was written for Criminal Contempt 2nd, a misdemeanor, due to the extended time that Mr. Parcels had now had the child and a warrant application process was initiated by RPD per policy. At this point, officers were still given no indication that imminent danger existed for the child.
- On Tuesday September 6, 2011 at about 10am, RPD was called by the mother again and a missing persons report was written for the ten yr. old child at the mother's request. Shortly after the report was entered into the NYSPIN system, RPD was notified by the New York State Police that Mr. Parcels and his two children were found deceased near Lake George, NY.

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Hello Dorothy,

I am writing you because I am a little worried and I want you to at least know whats going on with your granddaughter. There have been a series of events which have led me to be unsure of her whereabouts at this moment, but I may just be freaking out for "no reason." I'm just going to write you a list, because it will probably be easier to follow:

Thursday - Adam said that he wanted to take Noel on a weekend camping trip. I said no. Firstly, Noel didn't want to go because she still feels uncomfortable but she didn't want to hurt his feelings. Secondly, I recently got a letter in the mail from the Judge which said that if either of us don't follow the supervised visitation schedule, that we could both be incarcerated. I told him both of these things. Apparently he had already paid for the ticket for Noel, so I offered to reimburse him.

Friday morning - I took Noel to school with me. Apparently Adam sat on my porch for 3 hours, looked for me at my mothers and Pats.

Friday afternoon - I took Noel and my oldest daughter to get their hair cut. On my way home to get more money (because my 3rd daughter showed up), she saw her father pull into my mothers driveway. I stopped and let her go into my moms house to say hello to him. When I returned, Adam, Mia and Noel were at the playground across the street. I spoke with him and we had the same conversation "no, you can't take her out of town unsupervised." I told him I would be back in 5 mins because I had to drop my other two daughters off. When I returned, he was not there. His car was gone from my mothers driveway.

Friday evening - I called him repeatedly. I left him a message stating that if he "did not call me back within 20 mins that I was going to call the police." He called me back in 15 mins. HE said that he took the girls for ice cream at Abbotts on Monroe avenue in Brighton. I told him that this is not cool and to bring her back right away. He said that he would bring her right back. I called Abbotts, they never saw anyone of his or the girls descriptions. I called the police, 2 hours later they sent an officer out. The police called camp li-lo-li and instructed them to call 911 if he showed up.

Friday night - Marcie got a text message saying that he and the girls were at li-lo-li. I expected by the next morning that I would get a call from the police with the same information.

Saturday- No calls from the police or the camp. I left another message with the camp. I also left another message for the officer.

My concern here is that he already lied twice. He said that he would stay at the park and he also said that he was at Abbott's on Monroe, neither of these things were true. I don't understand why I haven't gotten any confirmation that he arrived at that camp. Noel has none of her belongings, no clothes, underwear, no sleeping bag, no toothbrush etc. I haven't heard from Noel and Adam hasn't called me since he was "at Abbotts."

We both know that he is stubborn, and I'm just hoping that is all that this is. I am probably panicking, but Noel was supposed to be with me and I'm not positive of her whereabouts. So if you hear anything, please let me know.

Hopefully this will all turn out fine and I'm just panicking.

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