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Sheriff revs up effort to find missing juveniles

◆ *Hahn Motorsports team to feature endangered teens on race cars*

The Wayne County Sheriff's Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force is receiving some added horsepower for its effort to locate endangered teen runaways, thanks to a locally-based automotive racing promoter, Sheriff Warren C. Evans announced today.



Evans, along with Taylor-based Hahn Motorsports owner, Paul Hahn, and Marketing Director, Martin Gray, today unveiled a truck outfitted with several images of **Sheniesha Kennedy**, 16, of Detroit, who has been missing since February 26 after being dropped off at Osborn High School. Her case has been featured by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and has been referred to the Sheriff's task force, which also includes two officers from the Detroit Police Department.

Gray recently contacted Evans' office with the idea of featuring a missing child on one of his racing vehicles during the Heritage Newspapers 100 race to be held on Saturday, May 31st at the Flat Rock Motor Speedway in the ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series. The truck features images of Sheniesha on the hood, side panels and tailgate, along with phone numbers for the Sheriff's Office and NCMEC.

"When the leads dry up, we have to try new things to reinvigorate our cases and bring these children back to safety," Evans said. "This approach certainly is an attention getter, not only at the race itself, but through the media coverage it generates for these types of cases."

Gray also is the Director of the Search for the Missing Children Foundation, a non-profit organization that has worked with police agencies across the United States to feature missing children in this high profile way. He has profiled missing persons elsewhere in Michigan, as well as Nevada and Ohio.

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The truck, a souped-up Chevy Colorado, will be driven by Paul Hahn, who is donating the space on his vehicle, which normally is used for paid advertising. "I have a child of my own and can't imagine having to cope with him disappearing. This is just my small way of helping families experiencing this type of crisis to be reunited," Hahn said.

Evans said that his investigators have information that leads them to believe that Sheniesha initially ran away from home but now may be under the control of an older male who may be exploiting her or otherwise putting her in harm's way. She may be in the area of 7 Mile and Hoover on Detroit's east side.

"Increased public awareness is our best chance of recovering children like Sheniesha," Gray said. "Someone out there knows where she is and the Sheriff's Office needs to hear from them. My hope is that someone will see her picture and call in the tip that will help Sheriff Evans reunite her with her family."

Gray said he has been thrilled with the cooperation he has received from Evans' office and he plans to feature Sheniesha and other endangered missing children at larger racing events that will be televised and reach a much larger viewing audience. Gray said he already is looking into possible opportunities involving events at the Michigan International Speedway and Detroit Grand Prix.

Anyone with information on Sheniesha's whereabouts is asked to please call the Wayne County Sheriff's Office at 1-888-WCS-TIPS.

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