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Sheriff's Detectives Seek Help in Locating Missing Pueblo West Girl

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is seeking information on the whereabouts of a Pueblo West girl who left her home June 12 and is believed to be with her non-custodial mother.

Jarika Otero, 12, was reported missing by a custodial family member and it is believed she has connected with her mother, Jolene Ware, 32, whose address is unknown.

Pueblo County Sheriff's Detectives have been actively searching for Jarika and believe her welfare is endangered. Homeless camps in Pueblo County were checked on Tuesday and several individuals said Ware talked about taking Jarika to Colorado Springs. It is believed the two are on foot and may be in the Pueblo or Colorado Springs area. It was also reported Ware recently cut both her and her daughter's hair.

Jarika is described as 5-foot-2 inches, 95 pounds with brown hair and green eyes. She was last seen wearing jean shorts with designs on the pockets and a red t-shirt tied in the front. Jolene Ware is described as 5-foot-9, 120 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Ware and her daughter is asked to contact the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office at (719) 583-6250.

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