

Middlebury Police Department

Media Release

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Sub: Missing Person – Nicholas Garza

The Police investigation into the disappearance of Nicholas Garza continued today. Inquires of the past few days have been centered on people that are known to have been in the campus area around the time of the disappearance. This includes people known to be on the campus or traversing the area at the time.

During the investigation, the police identified a fugitive from the State of Florida, who had been living in Weybridge since the spring of 2007. The fugitive, Elvin L. Williamson, age 41, was arrested today on a charge of Failing to Register as a Sex Offender in the State of Vermont. Mr. Williamson is wanted in Florida for violating that state's sex offender registration law. Florida authorities will not extradite him. He is classified by the State of Florida as a Sexual Predator. His prior record involves sexual activity with young children. He will be arraigned in Addison District Court on Thursday morning, March 13.

There is no indication that Mr. Williamson is involved in disappearance of Nicholas Garza, the identification and arrest being ancillary to the investigation.

To date, no new information has been developed that would provide leads into the manner or cause of Nicholas Garza's disappearance.

While ground conditions are improving, a test effort at searching the grounds revealed that conditions are still prohibitive for a large scale search.

Conditions are assessed daily.

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