

New Billboard of Missing Person: Elijah Bear Diaz Up to a \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and 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^o 2015. His 50" television was missing from his bedroom along with bed sheets and the contents of a safe.

Elijah Bear Diaz is a 20-year-old 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 missed the last three tribal member checks from the Barona Tribe. At this time 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 10:00 a.m. They have hired a team of search dogs and plan to conduct a search today and tomorrow.
- Representatives from the El Cajon Department's Crimes of Violence Unit will also be available.

A billboard advertising this case is located on southbound Highway 67 at Mapleview Street in Lakeside.

A picture of Elijah Bear Diaz and the billboard can be found on page 2 of this release

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Elijah Bear Diaz is asked to call Detective Barber of the El Cajon Police Department's Crimes of Violence Unit at (619) 441-5530. You can also call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via <u>www.sdcrimestoppers.org</u>

- Media inquiries about the case can be directed to El Cajon Police Department Lieutenant Rob Ransweiler at (619 593-5767).
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500.

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Elijah Bear Diaz



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