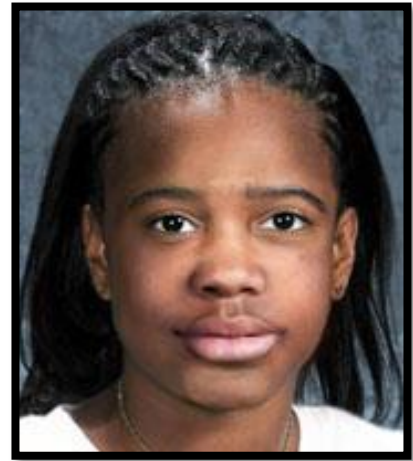


MISSING

Missing September 29, 2002 from Whiteville, NC
KYNANDE KALEHJE BENNETT



Age Missing: 3
D.O.B.: Aug 24, 1998
Height: 3'10"
Weight: 90 lbs
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Brown
Gender: Female
Race: African-American



Identifying Characteristics: She has pierced ears and a birthmark on her right arm. Her name is pronounced "kee-NAHN-day".

Clothing/Jewelry: Braids in her hair and was wearing a grey "FUBU" shirt and blue jeans.

Circumstances: Unknown. Her photo is shown age-progressed to 11 years. She was reportedly last seen in the company of her mother, **Vartasha McCullough**, at K-Mart. McCullough claimed Kynande disappeared in an aisle of the store, but later changed her story and said she walked into the store and thought Kynande was behind her and then was gone. No one saw the child with her mother in K-Mart. Authorities discovered evidence in McCullough's apartment that suggested a physical assault had taken place. The evidence was matched through DNA to Kynande. Her parents were both arrested in 2003 and charged with homicide by child abuse. In 2006, Vartasha McCullough was convicted of homicide by child abuse. Due to circumstances involved, foul play is expected.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT:

Whiteville Police Department: 1-910-640-1428

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National Center For Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-843-5678

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