

GAUTIER, Mississippi -- The Gautier Police Department is asking the public's help in locating 24-year-old Desmond Moore, who was reported missing on Sept. 2, according to Capt. Jerry Cooksey.

Lt. Scott Wilson, the lead detective on the case, said Moore was last seen on Aug. 30 when he left his mother's home in Gautier to walk to the Pizza Hut less than a mile away to meet friends.

"He never showed up and no one has heard from him since then," Wilson said.

Moore is a black male, standing 5-foot-9 and weighing 140 pounds with shoulder-length dreadlocks.

"We don't suspect anything has happened to him at this point," Cooksey said. "We hope everything is all right and we are looking for him."

On Saturday, Delaina Moore, the missing man's mom, and other family and friends were passing out flyers and conducting their own search in different areas of Jackson County.

She said it's unusual for Moore to not contact her and let her know where he is, and that's what has her worried.

"I just want to bring my son home," she said. "Drop him off at the hospital or whatever. Just bring him home."

If you have any information about Moore's whereabouts, you are asked to call the Gautier Police Department at 228-497-2486.

"As we have developed leads, we have followed them but at the moment we are at a standstill," Wilson said. "If you have seen Desmond Moore or talked to him since Aug. 30, we need to know about it. Right now, we don't have a lot to go on."

Delaina Moore also filed a missing person report for her son with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

"The family came to us asking for assistance in finding him," said sheriff spokesman Shane Langfitt. "Gautier is the lead agency since that's the last place he was seen. We've reached out to Gautier to offer them any assistance then need from us."

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Gautier police asking for public's help to find missing man

Gautier police are asking for the public's help to find a man they say has been missing since Aug. 30. Capt. Jerry Cooksey said authorities are searching for 24-year-old Desmond Moore.

Cooksey said Moore's mother, Delaina Moore, reported him missing after he left her house to meet some friends at the Pizza Hut on Ladnier Road and never showed up.

Anyone who has seen Moore since Aug. 30 is urged to contact Detective Lt. Scott Wilson with the Gautier Police Department.

Friends and family members of Desmond spent Sunday passing out flyers around town with his face on it. They are hoping someone can provide the information or clues needed to find him.

"We have been searching the rivers. We have been going to every police department that we can go to, and it just seems that we are out here alone. We are out here as a community and family to do what we have to do," Desmond's cousin Nikkie Riley said.

Delaina Moore is Desmond's mom. She said the last time he was seen was Aug. 30. The 24-year-old reportedly left his mom's house to meet friends at Pizza Hut a few blocks away.

"He does not do this. He is a mama's boy. He is going to call me and say, 'mom, I am over here, or mom I am over there.' I have not received a phone call. He has OCD, so he does not like to be dirty and wear the same clothes, and this is eight days in," Delaina said.

Gautier police said the investigation is still ongoing, and foul play has not been ruled out in this case. Family and friends are worried about Desmond's safety.

"This has been terrifying for us and the whole family. We haven't been able to eat, sleep or get any rest," Riley said.

Still, the group has no plans to stop searching until their loved one is found.

"If we had any clue, we would be there getting him now, but we are not giving up and we are going to find him," said Delaina.

This tearful mom said she definitely needs some support right now. She will keep holding out hope she will see her son again.

"It is devastating, Patrice. It is devastating to not know where your child is. It is the not knowing. The not knowing where my child is killing me," Delaina said about Desmond's disappearance.

Police said Desmond is a black male standing 5' 9" with dreadlocks. If you have any information to help this missing person case, please call the Gautier Police Department at 228-497-2486.

Delaina Moore spent Sunday handing out 500 fliers at the Pascagoula Walmart and asking everyone if they had seen her son Desmond Moore, 24, who has been missing since Aug. 30.

"I'm very afraid," she said.

She was out of town when her son told

his girlfriend he was going to meet friends at the Pizza Hut less than a mile from his mother's home. He never returned.

Whatever the Gautier Police Department and other officials are doing, it's not enough, she said. She nearly fainted from the heat and stress Sunday, but said everyone she talked to outside of Walmart said they were sharing the information on social media and praying.

Desmond's friends said he never made it to the Pizza Hut. But someone told her they saw him get into an older model maroon Buick outside the restaurant.

"Now I don't know how to find this person" who gave her the information, she said.

"I know my son," she said, and even though he's 24, he's kind of a mama's boy. "He does not like to be dirty," she said, and he would not have left his girlfriend at her house along for the whole holiday weekend.

Desmond was wearing black basketball shorts with a white stripe and a white T-shirt when he left home. He did not have his cellphone.

She pleads with the person who has him to drop him off at the house or the hospital.

"Just bring him home," she asks.

Investigators are asking for the public's help in locating him. Anyone with information should contact Jackson County Sheriff's Department at 769-3063, Lt. Scott Wilson at 497-2486 or call in a report anonymously at CrimeStoppers at 1-877-787-5898.

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GAUTIER, Mississippi -- The family of Desmond Moore, who has been missing since Aug. 30, still has faith that he'll come home alive and well.

Family, friends, and community members gathered in the parking lot at Pizza Hut in Gautier Saturday night for a candlelight vigil in his honor. The restaurant is the place where family members say the 24-year old young man went when he left his mother's home walking two weeks ago to meet a friend.

It was the last time he was seen.

"When he says he's coming back, he's coming back, and I just didn't know none of this was going to happen," Martonia Jackson, Moore's girlfriend, said with tears in her eyes. She was at the home when Desmond left.

Although visibly upset, family and friends say they believe Desmond is alive. Saturday night's vigil was meant to be a message of hope.

Superintendent Kippy Paige, Sr., pastor of Gethsemane Institutional Church of God in Christ in Pascagoula is the family's pastor. He led the vigil in hopes of providing comfort through prayer.

"God is able to do what man can't do," he said to the crowd of about 50 who gathered, at times holding hands. "We are believers, so we believe that what we are about to do, coming together collectively, that God is going to answer our prayer."

Officials with the Gautier Police Department say they aren't giving up either.

Capt. Jerry Cooksey says they have received numerous phone calls from the community, but none of the leads have led them any closer to finding answers.

"We are much more concerned now that's it's been this long. We still believe he's alive," he said. "We've been getting so many different stories. We just don't know. We haven't given up hope."

According to Cooksey, the FBI, Department of Marine Resources, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, and the South Mississippi Metro Enforcement Team have all been assisting in the case.

Delaina Moore, Desmond's mother, says she is grateful for all the support she has received from the community, but is concerned that local authorities didn't move quickly enough in their search. A missing person report was filed on Sept. 2.

"I feel like if the Gautier police had moved when I told them to move, I just feel like we would be so much further into this investigation, and my child would be home by now," she said.

Cooksey says they are using every resource they can and are still encouraging the community to continue to contact them with any information.

Meanwhile, Delaina Moore says she wouldn't wish this experience on any parent.

"It has been turmoil, pure turmoil. I have to literally make myself get out of bed, and make myself keep trying and keep fighting to find my child."

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"I'm letting him (Desmond) know I'm not giving up. I'm not giving up until I bring him home," said Delaina Moore
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GAUTIER, MS (WLOX) -

A Gautier mother says it has been nearly a month since her 24-year-old son went missing, and police have still not been able to find him. This mother refuses to lose hope. She and family members are now ramping up their efforts to locate their loved one.

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Delaina Moore is now knocking on doors and talking with Gautier homeowners on the south side of town to find her son.

"I am not going to rest until I put my hands on Desmond Moore," said Moore.

The worried mother said Desmond was last seen in the area on Aug. 30, when he left her house to meet some friends at Pizza Hut. So, Moore felt this area would be a great place to look.

"Basically, I just want to know if he is still alive, where he is, if he is hurt or is he okay. I just want to know," said Moore.

Gautier police said they are working with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department as well as the FBI and MET on the case to find the missing person. Moore is pleading with them to increase their efforts.

"I want them to do more for me. I want my child found," said Moore.

Moore said family and friends have also stepped up the search for Desmond.

"I have been on the radio speaking out, speaking out with you (WLOX) and working the Facebook and Instagram," said Moore.

Desmond's grandmother, Eloise Howard, traveled from Georgia to help. She admits her grandson's disappearance has been difficult on the family.

"It is something that you see on TV and horror movies and such. I never, never expected or dreamed that we would be going through something like this," Howard said.

Moore agrees, but said she will not give up the fight to find her son.

"This could be your child on this flyer. Call in with any tip. I am begging, pleading anybody who thinks they know anything," said Moore.

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