Lauderdale County, Miss. A Lauderdale County woman has been missing since Labor Day, according to her family.

26-year-old Rebecca Henderson Paulk was last seen Sept. 7 in Lauderdale County. Her car was found in the Whynot community.

Chief Deputy Ward Calhoun says Paulk is a white female with blond hair, 5' 6" and about 145 pounds

"We are hoping that she has gotten into a vehicle with someone else or she's at someone's home," Calhoun said. "But her family has not heard from her now in at least three days. And so we are attempting to help them to locate her at this point and time."

If anyone has information about Paulk, please report it to the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department at 601-486-4952

Meridian, Miss. The mother of a woman who has been missing since Labor Day is making an appeal for help to find what happened to her.

26-year-old Rebecca Henderson Paulk of Demopolis went missing Sept. 7 around 7 p.m. Her mother, Janet Henderson, said she had a report that Rebecca was seen at a business in Meridian Sept. 8. The next day, Rebecca's car was found abandoned in a ditch in Whynot in Lauderdale County. Henderson says her daughter has always stayed in touch with her.

"This has been a nightmare," said Henderson. "My heart has been torn in two and I do not wish this on anyone. This has been the worst heartache ever, and not knowing where my baby is."

The Henderson family is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that leads to Rebecca being found.

If you know something, call Lt. Boswell at the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, or 334-654-7055.

**DEMOPOLIS, Ala. (WTOK) -** Investigators are asking for the public's help in locating a West Alabama woman, who was last seen in East Mississippi.

Rebecca Henderson Paulk's family last saw her Sept. 7, 2015. After that, she was seen at two Meridian businesses with John Poisso.

Lauderdale County deputies say Poisso was on surveillance video with Paulk. However, investigators say they found no evidence that tied Poisso to Rebecca's disappearance. Since

Paulk's disappearance, Poisso has been sent back to prison for an unrelated probation violation.

In the weeks following Paulk's disappearance, family, friends and other concerned residents searched in a wooded area in the Whynot community in southeastern Lauderdale County. The 26-year-old's car, cellphone and a piece of her clothing were earlier found there.

"We're still asking for information to help this family, bring closure to them, to find their daughter," says Demopolis Police Chief Tommie Reese.

Reese says the fact that investigators in two different states have been working the case has presented some challenges.

"It's very difficult because we're over here getting information, or not getting information, or vice versa," says Reese, "and it's not being shared across the line. I'm not saying that doesn't happen, but we can't work a case in Mississippi and they can't work a case in Alabama." The last time Newscenter 11 spoke with Paulk's mother, she also made a public plea for help in locating her daughter.

"Our faith is keeping us strong," said Janet Henderson. "I know God knows where she is. I'm hanging on to God and he's hanging on to Rebecca. Please, let us know something. I would help you find your child."

A \$5,000 reward is being offered in this case. Anyone with information on where Rebecca Paulk can be found is asked to call either the Demopolis Police Department at 334-289-3073 or the East Mississippi Crimestoppers Line at 855-485-8477.

Update: Arrest Made; Rebecca Henderson Paulk Still <u>#Missing</u> Under <u>#SuspiciousCircumstances</u> A man has been arrested who authorities believe could be connected to the disappearance of an Alabama woman in Lauderdale county.

The Sheriff's Department, there, says it executed a search warrant of John Poisso's home on Old Wire Road, Thursday evening, after receiving information relating to the disappearance of 26-year-old Rebecca Paulk.

Paulk of Demopolis, Alabama went missing September 7 around 7 p.m.

Her mother, Janet Henderson, said she had a report that Rebecca was seen at a business in Meridian Sept. 8.

The next day Rebecca's car was found abandoned in a ditch in Whynot in Lauderdale County, MS.

The Henderson family was offering a \$5,000 reward for information that lead to Rebecca being found.

Lauderdale Sheriff Billy Sollie says they arrested Poisso on several misdemeanor charges and brought him in for questioning.

Sheriff Sollie says law enforcement is continuing to search Poisso's property.

<u>#AL</u> woman's car found in <u>#MS</u> - Rebecca Henderson Paulk, age 26, of <u>#LINDEN</u>, <u>#ALABAMA</u>, was last seen in <u>#MERIDIAN</u>, <u>#MISSISSIPPI</u> on 9/8/2015. Paulk's white Honda Civic was located abandoned in a secluded spot in the woods near <u>#WHYNOT</u>, Miss. Her laptop, purse and iPad were inside the vehicle but not her cellphone. Paulk is 5'6" tall, 145 lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, has the tattoo of a fairy on her right torso, "R C" in her bikini area and the word

"Love" with some designs tattooed on her left wrist. Her family is offering a \$5,000 reward for her safe return. Anyone with information on her location, please call the <u>Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department - Meridian MS</u> at (601) 486-4952 or (601) 482-9806.

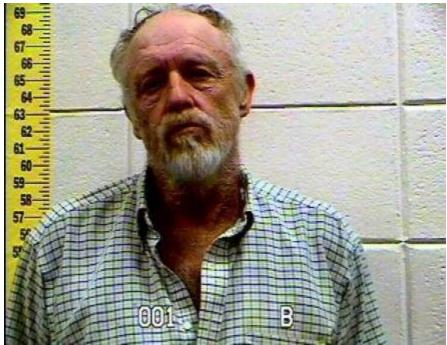
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## By Jonathan Grass

Mississippi investigators have confirmed they may have a lead in connection to a missing Alabama woman.

Rebecca Henderson Paulk, 26, was last seen in Meridian Mississippi on Labor Day. She had driven there from her home in Marengo County, Alabama.

Her abandoned car was found in a wooded area two days later. <u>Paulk's mother said her purse</u>, laptop and iPad were still inside.



John Poisso (Lauderdale

## County Sheriff's Department)

The Lauderdale County, Mississippi Sheriff's Department is now questioning a suspect identified as John Bentley Poisso Jr., 57. Poisso was arrested Thursday evening when deputies executed a search warrant after receiving information about Paulk

Poisso was arrested on misdemeanor charges of trespassing and disturbance of family. Investigators are still determining if he has knowledge about Paulk