

Detectives with the Meridian Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division are currently looking for and seeking information on a reported missing Meridian man. The male is 26 year old black male, Julius Tadarius Jones. Jones is described as being 5' 08" tall, weighing about 147 pounds, small build, he has brown eyes and is bald with a mustache and beard. Jones was last seen wearing a white t-shirt, cargo shorts and plaid flip flops, in the 1100 block area of 38th avenue at around 7 p.m. on 08/14/11. According to the additional information Jones was also possibly seen later that same evening in the 1200 block area of 39th Avenue. Reports have also stated that on 08/15/11 around 630 p.m. , Jones was possibly seen at the Wal-mart on Hwy 19 North wearing a mint green polo shirt, Light Green plaid shorts and white Kango hat. Jones May also be accompanied by a black female and baby.

Both Jones and his vehicle were initially put on N.C.I.C but now only Jones remains because the vehicle that he normally traveled in, a Buick Century, was recovered by police near an abandoned residence in the 1200 block of 27th Street.

Detectives asked it asked that anyone who has seen or has information on Jones's whereabouts, to please contact the Meridian Police Department at 601-485-1893, 601-485-1859 or Crime Stoppers at 601-485-1860. Case # 01-11-037400.

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The search for 27-year old Julius TaDarius Jones has made local headlines for more than a year and now, the story is going national.

Countless prayer vigils have taken place since Jones disappeared in August of 2011. The most recent one was held on December 19th at the home of Jimmy Whitehead, Jones father. The family told Newscenter 11 at the time that they'll never stop hoping and praying for the safe return of their loved one.

"I just want people to know that this is no joke to us," Jones mother, Tabitha Jones, says. "This is just so hard for us to go day by day and believe that someone will come and tell us something. It's just very hard. It's just unexplainable."

Another prayer vigil was held last August in front of the home where Jones car was found on 27th Street, not long after he went missing in August of 2011. Police have told Newscenter 11 they continue to investigate this case, but admit they don't have a lot of leads.