

Suspect linked to missing New Bedford Mashpee teen shot and killed in Florida

Two weeks ago we shared the story of missing 18-year old Jalajhia Finklea of New Bedford. Jalajhia went missing on her birthday and was reported last seen with her alleged abductor Luis Robert Zaragoza Barboza.

“Her abductor, Luis Zaragoza is 36 years of age and is 6’7” in height and weighs approximately 275lbs. He has several tattoos including Asian lettering on his bicep and a Dallas Cowboys star on his chest.”

Today the U.S. Marshals Service Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force and Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office reported that the suspect Luis Zaragoza was located at a McDonald’s in Crestview, Florida. The Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office stated that law enforcement had surrounded his car in the parking lot to take Zaragoza into custody when he shot once from his car. Police returned fire and Zaragoza was shot and killed.

The City of New Bedford Police Department were en route to Florida when the incident happened. Unfortunately, Jalajhia Finklea is still missing. “The NBPD continues to apply extensive resources to this investigation and remains dedicated to resolving the case of missing person Jalajhia Finklea. We will continue to vigorously investigate this case and collaborate with other law enforcement agencies to pursue all information.”

You can also contact the primary investigating agency, the New Bedford Police Department Station 3 at 508-991-6360 but feel free to contact the Mashpee Wampanoag PD if you have any information you want to share.

MISSING PERSON

