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Roanoke County Police Search for Missing 12-Year Old Child

ROANOKE COUNTY, VA (December 6, 2010) – Virginia State Police issued an Amber Alert this afternoon for a missing white female child. The child is 12-year old Brittany Mae Smith. She is five feet tall and weighs 100 pounds. She has straight brown hair and brown eyes.

The Amber Alert was issued after Roanoke County Police were called to a home at 3341 Fort Lewis Circle in the western part of the County around 9:30 a.m. After police arrived they found the body of a deceased female inside the home. The woman has been identified as 41-year old Tina Smith. Her death is being investigated as a possible homicide. It was the woman's concerned coworkers who contacted police this morning.

While at the scene, police obtained information indicating that a female child was missing from the home. The missing child is Tina Smith's daughter. Police say, at this time, it appears 12-year old Brittany Smith was last seen several days ago.

The State Police Amber Alert website lists the child's abductor as Jeffrey Scott Easley. Police say Easley was a friend of Tina Smith. Easley is described as a white male with brown hair and hazel eyes. He's 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 265 pounds.

He may be traveling in a 2000 Red Chevrolet SUV with Virginia tag XPR-4366. Police say Tina Smith's vehicle is also missing. Her vehicle is a Silver 2005 Dodge four door sedan with Virginia tag XKF-2365.

If you have any information, please contact 9-1-1. You may also call Roanoke County Police at 540-777-8641 or Virginia State Police at 1-800-822-4453.

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