



Search continues for missing Lansing man

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LANSING | Multiple law enforcement agencies will search on Saturday morning for a Lansing man missing since Dec. 6.

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Mark Price, director of the Illiana Search and Rescue teams, said the group will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday to search the area where Matthew Urdiales was last seen along Burnham Avenue. Officers from Cook County Sheriff's Police, the Will County Sheriff's Police, the Lake County, Ind., Sheriff's Police, and the Munster and Lansing police departments will scour the area for Urdiales.

Urdiales, 40, was last seen on video surveillance about 11:39 p.m. Dec. 6 leaving Margarita's Bar & Grill, 19606 Burnham Ave., Lynwood, according to the Munster Police Department.

Urdiales is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, 190 pounds with brown eyes and short brown hair. He was wearing a black Carhart jacket, a work shirt from BMW of Schererville, black thermal undershirt, black cargo pants and black Nike gym shoes when he went missing. He was wearing a small silver chain depicting Jesus on a cross and has several tattoos: a skull and cross bones on his right hand, the words "Love Mom" on his left hand, a skull and devil on his left arm, a scorpion on his left calf and "Ashley" on his chest and "Marcus" on his right calf.

His 1999 red Chevrolet Cavalier was found at Margarita's on Tuesday afternoon and he does not have his cellphone with him and there has been no activity on his credit or debit cards, police said.

Munster police Lt. Ed Strbjak said Lansing police received a report of a man in black walking on the west side of Burnham Avenue at 191st Street after 11:39 p.m. Friday. Police searched that area but did not find Urdiales.

Police did a foot search Wednesday along the railroad tracks and ditches along Burnham Avenue as well as a search of the Lansing Municipal Airport at the corner of Burnham Avenue and Glenwood-Lansing Road, Strbjak said.

Urdiales was last seen by a family member on the evening of Dec. 6 as he was driving north on Calumet Avenue at 45th Street in Munster and he turned west on 45th Street toward Lansing.

Police do not suspect foul play, Strbjak said, but the cold temperatures make efforts to find Urdiales that much more important.

Urdiales is described as an upbeat, positive person by his co-workers at BMW of Schererville, where Urdiales has worked for about a year as a service porter.

"He is respectful and courteous to everyone," said Kristy Murphy, a service advisor at the dealership on U.S. 41.

"He does his job and never complains about it," added Charlie Burgess, a car salesman at the

dealership.

Urdiales' family says he's in good health and it's unlike him to be gone for so long.

Anyone with information on Urdiales is asked to call the Munster Police Department at (219) 836-6634.

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