

Family, police search for missing Lansing man



Matthew Urdiales

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The family of a Lansing man who has been missing since Friday is asking for the public's help in locating him.

Matthew Urdiales, 40, was last seen on video surveillance about 11:39 p.m. Friday leaving Margarita's Bar & Grill, 19606 Burnham Ave., Lynwood, said Lt. Ed Strbjak, of 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, Strbjak

said.

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.

Urdiales and his wife, Tina Aures, were driving home from dinner Friday evening in Schererville, Aures said.

They were in separate vehicles heading north on Calumet Avenue at 45th Street in Munster when Urdiales turned west on 45th Street toward Lansing while Aures was stopped at a light.

Aures eventually went home to Lansing, but Urdiales did not come home and he did not show up for work Saturday at the BMW dealership in Schererville, police said.

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.

Police do not suspect foul play, he said, but the cold temperatures make efforts to find Urdiales that much more important. Strbjak said another search is planned for Thursday by Illiana Search and Rescue.

"It's not like him to disappear off the face of the earth," Aures said.

The father of three is in good health, she said.

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

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