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PRESS RELEASE



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Nature of Release: Child Custody Violation
Date/Time of Occurrence: December 4, 2009 / 9:12 p.m.
Location of Incident: 4900 block of Bishop Street, Cypress, CA
Case Number: 0903306
Suspect: Mulenga, Silvia Chilombo 6-26-79
Child: John Derenzo Cotton Jr. 3-26-05

Brief Narrative of Incident:

On December 4, 2009, a child custody violation was reported to the Cypress Police Department, identifying Silvia Mulenga as the suspect in violation of a court order. The biological father, Mr. John Cotton Sr. reported he and Silvia Mulenga are divorced and Silvia had not complied with a court order and visitation rights as it pertained to their son, John Derenzo Cotton Jr. Mr. Cotton was supposed to have weekend visitation with John Jr. The following day Mr. Cotton received a phone call from the suspect stating she was in Zambia, Africa with their son, and she would not be returning home.

Cypress detectives started investigating the case and learned that Silva Mulenga had left her place of residence in the City of Placentia, leaving behind personal belongings and bills. Detectives learned that the suspect had left the county, most likely fleeing to Zambia with John Cotton Jr. Detectives are in contact with U.S. officials and government officials from Zambia.

The suspect is in violation of PC 166.4 - court order violation as well as PC 278.5 – deprivation of child or right to visitation. If, in fact, it is proven the suspect fled the county with John Jr., additional charges may apply. Detectives will be seeking a warrant for the arrest of

Silvia Mulenga and will try to arrange for the safe return of John Jr.

Anyone with information pertaining to this case is encouraged to call the Cypress Police Department, Detective Bureau at (714) 229-6631.



Mulenga, Silvia Chilombo 6-26-79



John Derenzo Cotton Jr. 3-26-05



John Sr. and John Jr.

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