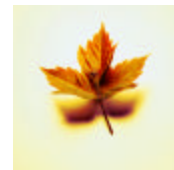




# Making Homecomings Possible

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## Talk To Your Child About This Common Abductor's Trick

Marie was excited about her first week of high school. She was determined to do her best this year. When her neighbor down the street offered to help her with her math, she was thrilled. He always smiled at her when they

crossed paths in the neighborhood, but she had never had a chance to talk to him. This seemed like a great way to make a new friend. Since he was in college, he'd be able to help her with all of her assignments. Luckily for Marie, her parents had spoken with her often about entering the home of anyone (even people she knew) without checking with them first. She told her parents of their neighbor's offer. Although touched by his generosity, they were concerned for their daughter's safety. They told Marie that he could help her in their home only while they were there. Once they got to know him and his family better, they might reconsider the arrangement. Because Marie's parents had talked to her about her safety, she was able to recognize a potentially dangerous situation. **Remind your children that, under no circumstance, are they to enter someone's home or car without checking in with you first.**



## Upcoming Events!

### SEPTEMBER

- 15TH CHILD PRESENTATION
- 17TH VOLUNTEER FAIR

### OCTOBER

- 7TH CHILD PRESENTATION
- 8TH ADULT PRESENTATION
- 9TH CHILD PRESENTATION
- 11TH FINGERPRINTING
- 31ST FINGERPRINTING

### NOVEMBER

- 15TH WORLD DAY TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE EVENT AT EASTRIDGE MALL 12-4
- 19TH WORLD DAY TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

FOR MORE EVENTS, CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.VCA.ORG](http://WWW.VCA.ORG)!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE VCA FOR A PRESENTATION OR AN EVENT, CALL OUR OUTREACH DEPARTMENT AT (408) 296-1113!

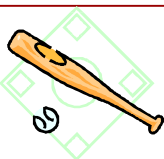


## Safety Source!

As you are finishing up your Back to School preparation, remember to label your child's belongings on the inside and not on the outside.

## You Asked-We Listened!

Many of you have mentioned that while you enjoy receiving our quarterly newsletter, with your busy schedules, you just don't have the time to read all four pages. We have shortened our publication to our Donor Corner, Missing Kids section, and Seasonal Safety Tips. Drop us a line and let us know what you think of the new condensed version!



Thank you to the San Francisco Giants for hosting VCA Day on Saturday, August 23rd! VCA appreciates the attendees' and the Giants' support. It was a great day at the stadium with those willing to "play ball" and "cheer on" a great cause!

## VCA'S MISSION

The Vanished Children's Alliance, founded in 1981, is a national 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting all children from disappearing. To ensure children's safety, VCA educates the public and professionals about the serious issue of abducted and runaway children. VCA works to prevent, locate, and recover child victims and reunite them with their families in collaboration with law enforcement, other credible service agencies, and communities at large.

November 19th is World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse!



**We're Missing!**

**HAVE YOU SEEN US?**

**If so, please call 1-800-VANISHED**

**Jade Arell Flores**  
**Family Abduction**

**Date of Birth:** 03/18/2006  
**Missing Date:** 07/06/2008  
**Missing From:** San Jose, CA  
**Sex:** Female **Race:** Hispanic  
**Height:** 2' 7" **Weight:** 28 Lbs  
**Hair Color:** Brown  
**Eye Color:** Brown



**Abductor**

**Denzel Andre Izaguirre**  
**Family Abduction**

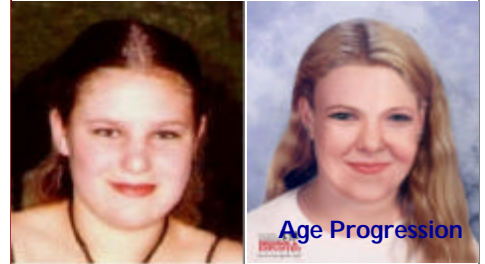
**Date of Birth:** 05/28/2005  
**Missing Date:** 06/13/2008



**Missing From:** San Francisco, CA  
**Sex:** Male **Race:** Hispanic  
**Height:** 3' 0"  
**Weight:** 50 Lbs  
**Hair Color:** Brown  
**Eye Color:** Brown

**Noquisi Ama Blossom**  
**Runaway**

**Date of Birth:** 06/22/1980  
**Missing Date:** 10/17/1995  
**Missing From:** Makawao, HI  
**Sex:** Female **Race:** White  
**Height:** 5' 1" **Weight:** 120 Lbs  
**Hair Color:** Blond **Eye Color:** Hazel



**Age Progression**

**Do You Know the Whereabouts of a Missing Child?**

- Stay calm and gather as much information as possible!
- Do not attempt to intercede.
- Contact Law Enforcement
- Contact VCA at **1-800-VANISHED**
- **When reporting a possible sighting to VCA...**
  - Describe the child, accompanying adults, and any unusual behaviors/circumstances.
  - If a vehicle is involved, get the vehicle description and license plate.
- Specify location(s) where the child was seen and when. Provide any and all relevant addresses.
- Explain whether the child had indicated being taken from the other parent.
- Explain whether the child hinted at having a different name or family.
- Tell us if you think you have seen the child's picture on television, a grocery bag, poster, directory, mailer, VCA fax dissemination, or other missing children's announcement.
- Remember that you may remain anonymous with VCA if you wish. The important thing is to help reunite missing children with their families!

**Thank You!**



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