

Kelsie Schelling search party planned Saturday

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Seven months after the disappearance of 22-year-old Kelsie Schelling, another search party is planned in Pueblo, where she was last seen.

Saturday, Sept. 14, everyone is welcome to join the search, meeting at 10 a.m. at the Southside Walmart at 4080 W. Northern Ave. in Pueblo. Those joining the search party should meet in the Walmart lot closest to McDonald's.



Exact search locations and instructions will be provided in person before the search begins.

Dateline NBC has committed to send someone out for the search, and organizers are hoping for a great turnout of supporters.

In a press conference held by Kelsie's family on April 29 in Denver, a reward of up to \$10,000 was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect or suspects responsible for Kelsie's disappearance.

That reward offer just this week has been increased to \$50,000, announced Kelsie's parents, Doug Schelling of Holyoke and Laura Saxton of Yuma.

Kelsie disappeared in Pueblo Monday, Feb. 4 when she traveled there after leaving work in

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Denver that day to meet her boyfriend, Donthe Lucas, at his request.

On the morning of Feb. 4, Kelsie had a doctor's appointment in Denver, where doctors' records confirm that she was eight weeks pregnant. Her due date is this Friday, Sept. 13.

Cell phone records show that Kelsie sent picture messages of her ultrasound picture to family members and also to Lucas and his mother. Cell phone records also show that Lucas asked Kelsie to go to Pueblo when she got off work on Feb. 4 because he needed to speak with her in person.

The family's press statement on April 29 said they know Kelsie made it to Pueblo and did meet up with Lucas. No one has seen or heard from her since.

She left her apartment on the morning of Feb. 4 with every intention of returning there that evening, according to the press statement.

The family indicated her bank account was accessed once since she went missing, and law enforcement has informed them that Donthe Lucas accessed her account on that occasion.

The family reports that Kelsie didn't talk to anyone on her cell phone after that Monday night, Feb. 4, but text messages were sent from her phone until Wednesday evening. They feel it was to pacify family and friends; they don't believe it was Kelsie doing the texting.

They've been informed that someone was driving Kelsie's 2011 black Chevy Cruz Feb. 4-6 before it was left at the St. Mary Corwin Hospital employee parking lot in Pueblo on Feb. 7 around 5 a.m.

Kelsie's family has set up a website and Facebook page to get the word out and to seek information.

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Tips can be submitted online at HelpFindKelsie.com or by calling toll-free 1-855-4-KELSIE (1-855-453-5743). Also learn more on the Help Find Kelsie Facebook page.

The family has appreciated the solid support of community and hopes to see a great turnout Saturday to make way toward progress on the search for Kelsie.

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