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Arianna fitts missing

A mother found in a shallow grave in San Francisco after she and her daughter disappeared has been offered a reward of up to 100,000 U.S. dollars. An artist's impression of Arianna Fitts, what she might look like today at the age of 6. (San Francisco Police Department) Nicole Fitts, 32, was last seen alive on April 1, 2016. She was reported missing by family members on April 5, and three days later her body was found by a gardener in McLaren Park in San Francisco in a hole covered by a piece of plywood. During the investigation, police learned that her two-year-old daughter Arianna had not been seen by family members for weeks. The San Francisco Police Department is now offering a reward of 100,000 U.S. dollars for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of suspects in the murder of Nicole Fitts and the disappearance of the child. Police investigators found that Arianna was last seen by family members in February 2016. Nicole Fitts lived in Oakland, but worked long hours in San Francisco and left her daughter for a long time with the babysitter, an Oakland woman named Helena Hearne Martin. In late March 2016, Fitts found a place with Arianna near Best Buy, where she worked, in the Mission District of San Francisco. She is said to have told Martin that she would no longer need her to take care of the child after April 2. On April 1, the night she disappeared, Fitts received a call about 9 p.m. and told a friend she had to meet the babysitter, police said. Still dressed for work, in her blue Best Buy shirt, she is believed to have boarded a muni train. After that, she was no longer seen alive. The Fitts family is cooperating with investigators. A month after the killing, San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr told the San Francisco Chronicle that Martin and her husband initially cooperated but did not. In May 2016, Best Buy announced a reward of USD 10,000 for information to help find Arianna, and the family also offered USD 10,000. Nicole Fitts' sister told San Francisco television station KGO in November 2016 that the family believed the little girl was alive – that someone wanted Arianna as her own. At the start of the investigation, police released photos of the plywood found over Fitts' body. They believed it had been brought into the area from outside the park, and they were looking for information about the symbol sprayed on it. Anyone with information about Arianna's whereabouts or Nicole's murder is asked to call the SFPD 24 Hour Tip Line at (415) 575-4444 or send a tip to TIP411 and send the text message with to begin. You can remain anonymous. Copyright 2020 of Bay City News, Inc. — Republishing, rebroadcasting, or any other reuse without the express written consent of Bay City News, Inc. is prohibited. John McLaren Park has long been considered a good place to dispose of a body. The 312-hectare open space was largely wild and untouched for decades, with rolling, overgrown hills covered in dense blackberries. Were, and high fernell plants. In 2006, the remains of five-month-old Camille Ferguson were found hidden in a dense brush in the park. Gardeners discovered the body of 32-year-old Omar Sharif Allah in 2009, two years after he was reported missing. And Jonathan Caballero, 18, was shot dead in the park in early 2015. When, a few months after Caballero's death, the city spent nearly 12 million dollars on improvements at McLaren Park, the neighbors breathed a sa'side breath. Eventually, the long neglected park would get some attention. Local politicians - Districts 9, 10 and 11 Border McLaren - boasted that it would be a destination for Golden Gate Park. The construction crews spent months clinging the first 200,000 U.S. dollars that she was hanging around for hours in the break room at work after her shift was over. She would do her business as if nothing was happening, he said. But after work they stop to stay around longer and longer, sometimes until Close. She went through so much, but she would hide things. I wish she had opened up a little more. He asked if she wanted to share a Lyft ride home one evening, and it wasn't until they arrived at his house that Nikki collapsed and confessed she had nowhere to go. Think of her strength, having no place to live, handing your daughter over to a caregiver, barely seeing her, and still going to L.A. to get Sendy back. It was amazing, Jacobo says. But she kept it together as best she could, and when it got better, it was a relief. I mean, thank God. The key to the better was Goyette Williams, a best buy employee who offered Nikki accommodation. The best part was Arianna. Nikki was overjoyed and started bringing her home. She bought a small cot and gifts for her butterfly – the nickname she had given Arianna. She bought little things here or there every time she saw something, Jacobo said. Buying gifts for other people was their way of celebrating. But as Nikki's life settled down, a nagging problem began to grow. The babysitters, Helena and Siolo, seemed to have refused to return the toddler. Nikki contacted her in mid-March and said she was ready to pick up Arianna, and they told her they had taken her to Disneyland, a fact Nikki frustrated because she hadn't gotten a heads-up. Like her style, Nikki kept much of this fight to herself. Tess and Bonnar say they haven't seen Arianna since February. Always private, no one knows how long it has been since Nikki saw her daughter before she was killed. Nikki Fitts holds a teddy bear in an undated photo. (Courtesy: Fitts family) April 1st was a normal day. Nikki went to work at Best Buy and had planned to spend the evening with Bonnar, who was interviewed for a job in San Francisco. When Bonnar announced her plans, Nikki went out with Jacobo instead. They went to the mall and bought clothes for Jacobo's new gig. Towards the end of the evening, Nikki asked if they could pick up a cake from Pizza Hut to take it home to Williams. When she spotted a 7-Eleven nearby, she took the opportunity to withdraw several hundred dollars, although she didn't tell Jacobo what it was for. When she got home, Nikki and Williams started watching a movie. Halfway through, she received a call. She told her roommate that she met someone at B's restaurant, but she would soon come back to finish the film. Williams woke up the next morning to an empty house. A strange text message had come in from Nikki in the middle of the night and said she was going to Fresno with a friend named Sam. Williams had never heard of a Sam and found the news confusing. Nikki didn't have a car. It wasn't the only message sent that night. A Facebook post from Nikki at 01.13am on April 2 said: Spending time with my 3-year-old needs this brake. It was a strange note: Nikki was fanatical in grammar and spelling, and Arianna was two-and-a-half, not three. She did not show up for work the next day or the day after. Williams and Jacobo were worried, and when Tess and Bonnar found out, they panicked. How do you go from 'I'm going to BJs' to 'I'm in Fresno now?' Tess Tess The only thing I could imagine, according to Michael, before she went home, she withdrew some money. I wouldn't have been surprised if they were like, 'Give us the money you owe us, and we'll bring you your child.' I assume she thought she was going to do that. She's so naive, Tess adds in frustration. Why would you have to meet in this burger shop? Tess was naive and hopeful that everything would be over if she only did what she demanded. Tess and Bonnar immediately made their way to San Francisco, and Kathryn flew from San Diego. Five weeks later Jessica Williams was shot dead in the Bayview, which she suspected in a car burglary. The department's credibility disintegrated, and as the number of people killed at the hands of the SFPD rose, the LA Times, Newsweek, and NPR reported on the force's propensity for violence. More than two years later, little progress seems to have been made in this case. In March 2017, SFPD told the press that it had searched a vehicle that Tess and Bonnar were holding for Helena's vehicle. We have written a number of search warrants both in California and in other states, McEachern said at the time. We have wanted a vehicle that we believe could be linked to the crime and we are making some incredible progress in the case. But in the 15 months since, SFPD has not released any further information about the case. We don't have any updates, Michael Andraychak, public relations officer, told SF Weekly after weeks of trying to track down new information. SF Weekly contacted the two Hearne sisters and Briggs, all three of them still living in the Bay Area. No one has responded to our interview requests. The Fitts family said goodbye to Nikki by the sea near Marina del Rey. With the help of victims of violent crimes who paid for all funerals, they had their ashes laid in a salvo that dissolved when it sank. When they dropped the urn from the side of the boat, they scattered petals on the water. And then something amazing happened. One of the crew members screamed, and mourners looked up from the spot where Nikki's remains had disappeared to see dolphins everywhere. They were next to the boat, in front of the boat, and jumped close to us, Tess says. When you think of dolphins most of the time, you imagine grey ones, but they were beautiful, Bonnar says. They had patterns everywhere. The crew member who spends his life at sea told them that he had never seen so many dolphins at once, so close to one of his boats. But in the years that follow, every day drags on as Tess, Bonnar and Jacobo try to figure out what happened to their sister and friend and where their daughter might be. It never leaves you, Jacobo says. Will today be the day I get the call and hear that they have made an arrest, or get a call that they found Arianna? I wait every day. And I just don't get anything. From SFPD: If you see Arianna, call 911 immediately. If you have any information about Arianna's whereabouts or anything related to Nikki's murder, contact the SFPD Homicide Unit at 415-553-1145, the SFPD Anonymous Tip Line at 415-575-4444, or write a tip tip 411 with SFPD at the beginning of the message, or visit sanfranciscopolice.org/tip. sanfranciscopolice.org/tip.