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New information on missing person Michael "Austin" Davis

Jacksonville, FL, October 18, 2007 – Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has released information regarding the disappearance of Michael "Austin" Davis, 26, from his Westside home on the morning 0f June 26, 2007. "We now know," said Anita Sullivan, sister of the missing man, "that Austin's mysterious taxi ride ended at Jax Jewelry and Pawn Shop at the intersection of 103rd Street and Blanding Boulevard around 1:30pm on June 26th. JSO has confirmed Austin bought a shotgun there and the clerk said he put the gun in a duffle bag and left the shop on foot."

"Austin was suffering from depression and we are afraid he intended to take his own life. Along with friends, we have searched the area but found nothing", Sullivan went on to say. "The pawn shop clerk said the gun barrel was protruding from the duffle bag when he left the shop. As busy as that area is midday, I think it is likely someone saw him and would remember something as unusual as a young man walking on Blanding or 103rd with a gun in a duffel bag", the missing man's sister said. "We are hopeful someone will come forward, possibly with information regarding his direction of travel and help us target other areas to search", Anita Sullivan said.

Anyone who may have seen a man walking with a duffle bag on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 26 in the area of Blanding Bvd. and 103rd Street, which includes Wesconnett Blvd., Timuquana Road, Jammes, and surrounding areas, is urged to step forward. He may have been walking in any direction, and may have been seen on side roads up to several miles away from the intersection. Anyone with information is urged to email his family at <u>findaustin@iticomputers.com</u> or contact the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at 904.630.2627.

Additional Information is available at:

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