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One year later, police still looking for answers in Lisa Irwin disappearance

As the one-year anniversary of the Lisa Irwin disappearance nears, Kansas City Missouri Police continue to actively investigate the case.

Police and their FBI partners have investigated 1,667 tips since 10-month-old Lisa went missing from her home in the 3600 block of North Lister in the early morning hours of Oct. 4, 2011. They are checking into about a dozen tips at present. Five hundred of the total tips have been infant sightings across the United States and internationally. Police thank the FBI agents and detectives at other law enforcement agencies – domestically and overseas – who investigated each of these sightings. None of them was determined to be Lisa Irwin.

A KCPD detective and FBI agent actively work the case nearly every day. They still are looking for quality tips. They have gone back over nearly 100 previously closed leads, re-interviewing those involved, to ensure they haven't missed anything. They and Crime Lab analysts also have re-evaluated several pieces of forensic evidence. Dozens more detectives stand at the ready to investigate a break in the case.

Police have exhausted leads provided by Lisa Irwin's family and their attorneys, and the leads were of no benefit to the investigation. While communication with the family has been ongoing, police have not had the opportunity to sit down one-on-one to speak with Lisa's mother, Deborah Bradley. As the only adult in the home at the time of the baby's disappearance, police continue to have questions to which only she can provide answers.

Detectives have reviewed the entire case file with subject matter experts from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va. The subject matter experts continue to offer their assistance in any matter needed.

Detectives remain hopeful for quality tips that will lead them to Lisa. However, several tips stemming from social media and online rumors have been reported, detracting from detectives' ability to work legitimate case leads. Police ask anyone with substantial knowledge of what happened to Lisa Irwin to call the TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477).

Because the Lisa Irwin disappearance remains an active, open investigation, Kansas City Police will not grant any further interviews.

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