



## NEWS FROM SANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Sanford Officers Locate Juvenile Missing Out of Texas Since 2017**

**Media Release:** Sanford, FL (March 30, 2019): Sanford Officers located Joshua Graham, missing juvenile, and Kenneth Graham, noncustodial parent, while investigating a suspicious vehicle.

At approximately 6:30 am, on March 30, 2019, Sanford Police were investigating a suspicious vehicle in the area of Seminole Blvd and San Juan Ave. Officers were able to identify the occupants of the vehicle as Joshua Graham (DOB 09/01/2009) and Kenneth Graham (DOB 01/23/1967), out of Texas.

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that Kenneth Graham left the state of Texas with Joshua at the end of 2017 without notifying his live in wife of his decision. It was presumed that Kenneth Graham was taking Joshua to Tallahassee, FL where he had previously lived. Officers discovered that Joshua's mother was granted sole custody of Joshua in February of 2018.

On March 26, 2019, Texas law enforcement out Houston filed Joshua missing and under the status of "abducted by non-custodial parent".

Regarding the incident, Chief Cecil Smith stated: "Regardless of the circumstances, the feelings of loss and devastation are indescribable when any child is taken from a parent. The officers and investigators involved in this case are delighted to have played a significant role in reuniting this mother with her child after two long years. I am proud that the officers responding to this call quickly identified that something didn't seem right, and those instincts led to this happy conclusion."

Joshua Graham was taken into the custody of Child Protective Services while he awaits reunification with his mother. The State of Texas may file criminal charges at a later date.

Investigators are asking anyone with information regarding this incident, to contact Sanford Police Department or Crimeline at 800 423-TIPS (8477) or visit [www.crimeline.org](http://www.crimeline.org). Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous, and tips to Crimeline that lead to solving a felony case are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 dollars.



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