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## **Update - Juvenile Located**

*CORVALLIS, Ore.* – With assistance from Lane County agencies BCSO Detectives tracked down 12-year-old runaway, Nakhai Roberts, to a home on the 85000 block of Territorial Hwy in Eugene, near Hadleyville.

Lane County Sheriff's Office Deputies located Nakhai at 3:45 am Friday morning and transported him to the Lane County Juvenile Justice Center in Eugene.

At this time, it is not known how Nakhai reached his destination in Lane County.

BCSO would like to thank Lane County residents, Juvenile Department, Sheriff's Office, Department of Human Services and Eugene PD for their assistance with the recovery of Nakhai Roberts. He will continue to receive the resources he needs for his future.

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Today, June 16, 2020, The Benton County Sheriff's Office is asking the community to assist in locating 12-year-old runaway, Nakhai Roberts.

Roberts was last seen wearing dark blue and purple camo pants with a matching short sleeve shirt. The shirt has a picture of a shark's mouth. Roberts is 5'3", 124 lbs, fair-skinned with black hair, has a small faded tattoo on his left hand, and a scar on his upper lip.

On Sunday, June 7, 2020, at about 12:20am, Benton County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a report of a runaway juvenile from a children's care facility on the 4500 block of NE Highway 20, Corvallis, Oregon.

Staff of the care facility reported Nakhai T. Roberts, 12, and a 16-year-old male, were combative with staff earlier in the day. They later climbed a fence and would not comply with returning to the facility. It was reported the two juveniles were seen headed eastbound, toward Albany, on Hwy 20. Deputies searched the area where the boys were last seen, but were unable to locate them.

On Saturday, June 13, Eugene Police located the 16-year-old and booked him on an Oregon Youth Authority warrant.

Roberts is originally from Eugene; he was traveling with the 16-year-old, so there is reason to believe he may be in Lane County at this time.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call the Benton County Sheriff's Office at (541) 766-6858.

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