



**Fresno County Sheriff's Department**  
**Margaret Mims, Sheriff**  
**News Release**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Kidnap Victim And Suspect Sought**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims is asking for the public's assistance in locating a 17 year old kidnap victim, and suspects.

On 4-10-07 at approximately 10:00pm, patrol deputies responded to a residence in the 2100 block of E Lincoln near the city of Reedley, regarding a kidnap call.

The victim, Ester Nieves, had been kidnapped from her parent's residence by her estranged boyfriend, Juan Carlos Martinez, and Nieves' 15 year old nephew.

During the incident, Martinez and the juvenile forced their way into the residence and entered Nieves' bedroom. Both suspects then forced Nieves out of the residence by way of a broken window. When members of Nieves' family attempted to intervene, Martinez threatened to kill them. Nieves was then forced into a gray colored, early 90's model Honda 4 door that had been parked in front of the residence.

Nieves is described as a Hispanic female, 5-8 with a medium build. She was last seen wearing white pants and a white or yellow colored T-shirt. She is also 8 months pregnant.

Martinez is described as an 18 year old Hispanic male, He is approximately 5-7 with a thin build. He has short black hair and is clean shaven.

The 15 year old juvenile is described as a Hispanic male, He is approximately 6-0 with a thin build.

Martinez and Nieves may be en route to Martinez' residence at 79 Stewart Ave in the city of San Jose.

Anyone with information is asked to contact detective Tim Rivera at 488-3747, or the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.