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## MEDIA RELEASE

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\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

In a continued effort to keep the community informed, we are now able to share the following. The Eau Claire Police Department (ECPD) is attempting to locate 16-year-old Colin T. Robaidek. On April 17, Colin's parents contacted police after Colin had not gone to school or returned home. During the investigation, it was discovered Colin left a note stating his intention to voluntarily leave home. According to his parents, this behavior is uncharacteristic, and they are also concerned about Colin's recent statements of unease over stress he was experiencing. He was observed on video surveillance leaving his residence in the 2200 block of Windsong Court, alone on his bicycle, at 12:52pm. This is in the Shawtown area of Eau Claire. He was last observed on business security cameras on American Boulevard at 12:58pm headed East. Colin has not been in contact with family or friends since.

Colin is 6'01" and 190 pounds. He has blond hair and blue eyes, and he was last seen wearing a black sweatshirt, black sweatpants, black North Face backpack, and riding a dark gray Trek bicycle.

As a part of this investigation, the ECPD has utilized many avenues to bring Colin home safely. These include:

- Interviews of friends and family
- Repeated phone pings to ascertain location
- Searches of social media accounts
- Reviewing business security surveillance video
- Multiple drone searches with infrared and thermal imaging
- Public assistance messaging

With the assistance of Wings of Hope, advanced searches of our bike trails, wooded areas, and waters have been done in the area. Also assisting in with efforts are the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Altoona Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Northstar Search and Rescue, and the Eau Claire Area School District.

Additional efforts will include, canine tracking with assistance from Northstar Search and Rescue, aerial observation from a Wisconsin State Patrol air unit, continued drone searches, and further review of social media accounts.

We are aware of numerous residents and neighborhood associations offering assistance with search efforts. We are thankful for public support. At this time, there is no specific geographic area to focus on, so we ask all community members to be vigilant and report information. One way to help, is to review your home security video. If you do conduct a search of your neighborhood, please respect other's private property, do not search alone, carry your phone, and be cautious when conducting those searches as your safety is important.

Bringing Colin home safely is our priority. Please continue to contact our police department at (715) 839-4972 if you have any information about Colin's whereabouts.

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