



# Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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Ref: **AMBER Alert for Layla and Lilly Hatcher**

On February 17, 2016, at approximately 1:00 a.m., David Hatcher allegedly took Layla and Lilly Hatcher from their mother by force at the Days Inn Hotel, 7321 E. Kellogg, Wichita, Kansas.

At approximately 9:08 a.m., the Wichita Police Department contacted the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and requested an AMBER Alert be issued for Layla and Lilly. It was believed that Layla and Lilly were in imminent danger, and the process to implement the AMBER Alert began.

At approximately 9:55 a.m., the AMBER Alert notification system was deployed successfully by the KBI. As a part of the AMBER Alert deployment, the KBI requested an Emergency Alert System (EAS) statewide notification and also requested a FEMA Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA). The request for the WEA for all AMBER Alerts in the nation is routed through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). NCMEC faced technical difficulties this morning and was unable to deploy a WEA message prior to the children being located safely. NCMEC has identified the issue that caused their difficulty, and has taken corrective steps for the future.

At approximately 11:20 a.m., the children were located and the suspect remained at-large. The Wichita Police Department continues to investigate the allegations. Any questions about the investigation should be routed to the Wichita Police Department.

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