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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: October 15, 2010 **Time:** 6:30pm **Prepared by:** Lt. Russell Reinhart

Type of Incident: Missing Child - **LOCATED**

Location: 6261 Hooker Drive, Huntington Beach – Circle View School

Date/Time of Occurrence: October 15, 2010 / 8:30am **Case Number:** 10-018145

Details:

On October 15, 2010, at 8:30am the Huntington Beach Police Department received a call of a missing 10 year old child at Circle View School. The child ran from the parent's vehicle when being dropped off at school. After an initial search that was not successful in locating the child, numerous additional police officers, detectives and volunteers joined in the search.

An AlertOC broadcast (reverse 911 calling) was made to the residences and businesses surrounding the school to alert residents of the missing child.

While the search was ongoing, the mother of the child left the school saying she needed to return to her house. Officers tried to locate her at her house a short time later and she was not there. She was eventually located playing tennis at Murdy Park. The mother at first refused to return to the school regarding her child who was still missing. When she did, she made unusual comments about her child's well being and was taken into police custody. The mother was taken to a hospital and placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

At 4:10pm, the child was located hiding in the yard of a residence inside the residential tract adjacent to the school. This child, and his two brothers, were all placed in the care of Orange County Social Services.