

Search For Girl Is Ended

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Fairfax County police yesterday called off their massive—but unsuccessful—search in the rural Clifton area for 10-year-old Patricia Ann Moore, missing since last Wednesday when she went out to play with a friend.

An intensive, five-day combing of the wooded, hilly area around the Moores' white frame house, at 7359 Clifton Rd., failed to turn up a single clue to the whereabouts of the brown-haired girl, police said.

At various times, about 600 county police, army troops from Fort Belvoir and citizen volunteers from the southwestern Fairfax region searched the circular area extending five miles in each direction from the home. All that was found were two stolen cars and a patch of 145 newly planted, 3-inch high marijuana plants, police said.

"It appears now that the girl has been abducted and probably taken from the area," police chief William L. Durrer said.

He said the family had received several telephone calls Sunday night and Monday morning concerning the case. The calls were believed to be of a crank nature, he said, although they were being checked. He did not elaborate on the contents of the conversations.

Durrer explained that three of the calls had been traced to Maryland, Annandale and District of Columbia telephone exchanges.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Moore, Patty's parents, spent yesterday waiting for information about their daughter, the same routine they have followed since her disappearance.

"We're just expecting her to show up," the father said. "She's our girl."

Moore said he was pleased with the cooperation and help of the police, army troops and area citizens.

"Nobody has let us down," the 32-year-old Moore said. "Everybody's done a tremendous job."

Durrer asked that any person who has knowledge of the girl's location contact any metropolitan-area police department.

When she left her house, Patty was wearing an orange and white shell top, orange shorts and green tennis shoes. She is 4-foot-2, weighs about 70 pounds, and has brown eyes, police said.