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Canutillo High School student missing

By Stephanie Sanchez / El Paso Times
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EL PASO - A Canutillo couple desperately search for answers about what might have happened to their 16-year-old daughter who disappeared a week ago.

Alejandra Salcido, a junior at Canutillo High School, was last seen getting off a school bus in front of her school shortly before 8 a.m. Sept. 10. The teen phoned her mother about 5:20 p.m. and asked her to pick her up at school in 10 minutes.

Alejandra's mother, Ariana Salcido, waited outside the school and searched the building for an hour. Her daughter never appeared.

An hour later, Ariana Salcido and her husband, Enrique Salcido, received a telephone call from Alejandra's friend. The girl told them Alejandra had sent her a text message asking her to tell the Salcidos to pick her up in Northern Juárez near the U.S. Consulate General of Ciudad Juárez.

That was the last time anyone heard from the teen.

Ariana Salcido said she and her husband immediately drove to Ejército Nacional and Paseo de la Victoria avenues when they got the call from their daughter's friend. When they arrived they canvassed the area and asked people in a shopping center if they had seen the girl.

No one reported seeing her.

The couple has repeatedly tried calling their daughter's cell phone but it goes straight to voicemail. They have returned to Juárez several times, desperately looking for their daughter or trying to find answers. Each time they visit the Northern area, hospitals, juvenile courts and the Red Cross.

The Salcidos

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MISSING MINOR



Alejandra Salcido

Date of Birth: April 4th, 1993
Date Missing: September 9, 2009
Age Now: 16 years of age
Sex: Female
Race: Hispanic
Hair: Brown with possible highlights
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 130 lbs
Missing From: El Paso, Texas
If you have seen this person please call the El Paso Police Department at 915-832-4400 or 911

Go to <http://www.myspace.com/alejandravanished> for more information.

Alejandra Salcido, a junior at Canutillo High School, was last seen getting off a school bus in front of her school shortly before 8 a.m. Sept. 10. The poster lists a incorrect date for her disappearance.

reported the girl's disappearance with Juárez authorities, but they refused to take the case because Alejandra disappeared from El Paso, Ariana Salcido said. She said she has been in contact with an El Paso Police Department detective.

"I'm restless. I'm very sad. I think about all the horrible things that could have happened to her," Ariana Salcido said. She said her daughter was a good girl

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who wouldn't have runaway from home.

Alejandra, she said, had just started attending Canutillo this year. Most of Alejandra's friends belong to her previous school, Coronado High School, she said.

The teen, she said, had just started making acquaintances at her new school

and she didn't know anyone well.

There have been rumors, she said, that Alejandra and other students from Canutillo were at a party in Juárez when they were supposed to be at school the day she disappeared.

School officials confirmed Alejandra didn't attend classes, Ariana Salcido said. But students refuse to say whether they were in Juárez or not.

"So many things cross my mind. I don't know if she went to Juárez and someone grabbed her and hurt her," she said. "I don't know what to think anymore."

Alejandra is 5 feet 5 inches tall about 130 pounds. She has brown hair and highlights.

Anyone with information about the teen is asked to call police at 832-4400. Friends of the Salcidos have also set up a MySpace.com Web page at www.myspace.com/alejandravanished for people who want to send information.

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