

The Doe Network:

Case File 1352DMMA



Marlon Devine Santos

Missing since November 5, 1998 from Worcester, Massachusetts

Classification: Endangered Missing

Vital Statistics

- **Age at Time of Disappearance:** 5 months old
- **Distinguishing Characteristics:** Hispanic male. Black hair; brown eyes.
- **Height and Weight:** 25 inches; 15 lbs

Circumstances of Disappearance

Marlon Santos, disappeared from his Worcester foster home in 1998. He had been placed in the home in August 1998. The foster mother didn't report the baby missing for two days. Investigators were told that the foster mother left the baby and two other foster children, ages 2 and 3, in the house alone while she drove eight miles to East Middle School and back to pick up two of her biological children. She told police that when she returned, the baby was gone. Her husband was out of town. His wife had picked him up in New York before reporting the baby missing.

Within a month, the foster father was charged with multiple counts of child rape of previous foster children. The baby's birth mother had been in and out of a local shelter and, by some accounts, often left the child with friends and strangers for days at a time.

The baby's birth father had sought custody of the baby.

In the first year after the baby's disappearance, police received information that Marlon could be found along the banks of the Wachusett Reservoir in Holden. A search turned up a baby blanket, diaper and several other items of interest, but the infant's remains were never found.

Despite a rumor that the child was sold, possibly in New York, the district attorney has operated primarily on the theory that Baby Marlon is dead. No charges were ever lodged in connection with Marlon's disappearance and he has not been found.

Investigators

If you have any information concerning this case, please contact:

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