

Girl Killed, Teen Friend Charged



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Yashanne Vaughn's grandmother, Reynelda Hayes (right), helps coordinate search efforts for her missing granddaughter with Renee Thomason (left) and Jennifer Mau of the group Guardians of the Children. Dozens of people, joined friends and family on Saturday at Powell Park in southeast Portland to help with the search event and pray during a memorial service.

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body or other evidence was held over the weekend but there was no sign of the missing girl.

Family and friends were also working diligently to bring her hope, circulating fliers with her photo at places she and her friends hung out, including Lloyd Center, bus stops and transit centers.

Reynelda Hayes, Yashanee's grandmother said Tuesday that the family was thankful for all the help they have received in trying to find her.

"We would also like to thank all of the media, volunteers and agencies that continue to keep Yashanee's flyer and information in the public; we encourage anyone with information to call Crimestoppers (503-823-HELP)," she said.

A statement from the family a day earlier expressed "the faith that justice will prevail on those that may have done harm to Yashanee and we will be united soon with our baby."

A Yashanne Vaughn search fund was established at US Bank to help with search efforts not traditionally covered by law enforcement. The family said if Yashanee is found deceased, the account will be used as a memorial fund.



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