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**Young Girl Makes Safe Return Home  
Statement by Ron Gonzales  
Mayor of San José**



*Mayor Gonzales speaks to Media*

I am tremendously gratified with the safe return home of this young girl to her family, neighborhood and our community last night following her terrible kidnapping on Friday. On behalf of every resident and every parent in San José, I am also immensely relieved at the prompt capture of the suspect in this case.

Our city shares this great relief with her family and neighbors. A crime against our children is a crime against every one of us. No child and no family should ever have to experience such a crime. We must always work together to keep our children safe, and we must work to ensure that justice is done.



*Mayor with the family and Chief of Police*

That is why we have not rested since she was taken from her home. Our community and our outstanding police force have kept her safe return foremost in our thoughts and prayers for the past 72 hours.

This wonderful result was possible thanks to the excellent and tireless work of the men and women of our San José Police Department and the many law enforcement agencies that have helped us, the family and friends, and the many volunteers from our community.



*The Media at the press conference*

The effort by our investigative team is an excellent example of swift, thorough and professional police work that helps keep San José the safest big city in America. The broad coverage by local and national news media to raise the public profile of this case also has been exceptional, and it proved to be very valuable to our efforts to bring her home.



*Deputy Police Chief Robert Davis speaks*

This case is another example of the San Jose community and our police working as partners to keep our neighborhoods safe. Through this partnership, we have solved a crime and returned a very brave girl to her family. Together, we should all be proud and thankful for this successful outcome.