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<u>TANIA NICOL ENQUIRY – ANNIVERSARY CHECKS</u> ***EMBARGOED UNTIL 2am TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER***

Police Officers will be carrying out anniversary checks tonight (Monday 20th November) in Ipswich in relation to the disappearance of 19-year-old Tania Nicol, three weeks after her family last saw her.

Officers will be stopping pedestrians and vehicles in the Handford Road/Burlington Road area in Ipswich, an area Tania was known to frequent. It is hoped the people who will be stopped were in the same area three weeks ago and may have information, which will help officers with their investigations.

The checks will be carried out between 10pm tonight, Monday 20th November and 2am tomorrow morning, Tuesday 21st November.

Tania Nicol left her home in Woolverstone Close, Ipswich at around 10.30pm on Monday 30th November with the intention of coming into Ipswich town to work as a prostitute.

It is understood that Tania planned to come into Ipswich on a bus from Belmont Road in Ipswich. CCTV footage from buses has been checked but to date officers have not been able to trace whether Tania did get on a bus.

CCTV footage has been checked around the town and there is a positive image of Tania walking in front of the exit of Sainsbury's garage on London Road at 11.02pm, Monday 30th October, the image shows Tania walking in the direction of the town centre.

Tania is described as having an olive complexion, 5'2'' tall, slim build, with shoulder length light brown hair, brown eyes and a spotty complexion. The last time she was seen she was wearing a light coloured top, mid blue cut off jeans and pink high-heeled shoes.

Anyone who saw Tania on the night she went missing or since, or has information which they feel will help Police with their enquiries should call the incident room on 01473 613588 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Ends

Note to Editors: For operational reasons we would please ask that publicity in relation to these anniversary checks is not released until after the embargo at 2am Tuesday 21st November.

The media are welcome to come along on the evening and film/photograph the checks as they are being carried out, again on the understanding that the footage is not used until after the embargo.

Updates in the relation to the anniversary checks will be released on the morning of Tuesday 21st November 2006.

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