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Shreveport Police Searching for Missing 10-Year-Old Runaway



Josiah Bates

The Shreveport Police Department is actively searching for 10-year-old Josiah Bates, who ran away from Westwood Elementary School when classes were dismissed today.

Josiah is described as a Black male, 5'3" tall, weighing 80 pounds. He was last seen wearing:

- A blue skull cap
- A blue jacket
- A purple and gold LeBron Lakers jersey
- Blue jeans
- White shoes
- A white backpack with SpongeBob designs

Officers are working diligently to locate Josiah and ensure his safe return home. Anyone who sees him or has information on his whereabouts is urged to contact the Shreveport Police Department at (318) 673-7300 immediately.

REMEMBER, it is a crime to harbor a runaway child.

We ask the public to share this information to assist in bringing Josiah home safely.