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Missing 9-Year-Old Boy From St. Thomas Found

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A 9-year-old boy who went missing on Tuesday in St. Thomas has been found, the VIPD has announced.

"The VI Police Department's Youth Investigation Bureau detectives have located nine-year-old Tenaji Wheatley. Tenaji was reported as missing on St. Thomas since 11 a.m. yesterday, Aug. 19th," reads an update on VIAlert.gov.



Tenaji Wheatley

It is not known how the minor went missing, whether adults were involved in his disappearance, or if he was hurt during that time, however Police say Wheatley was staying at a residence in Estate Fortuna when he went missing.

"The important thing is that he is safe and not in any danger," police spokesperson Melody Rames said. Rames thanked the St. Thomas community for responding to the VIPD's call for residents to be on the lookout for the missing child.

"Over 100 volunteers already were mobilized to search for this missing child," Rames revealed, adding that "over 12,000 people responded to the VIPD's press release."

"People were texting and sharing information about the missing boy through social media, which was great help," Rames said.