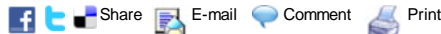




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Horse missing from Damascus stable

Police investigate disappearance as theft

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Heidi, a German shepherd-Labrador mix, experienced at finding missing pets, was recently called to TaylorMade Stables in Damascus to search for a horse that is presumed stolen.

Lady Ada, a 12-year-old chestnut, has been missing from the stables since Sept. 3.

Anne Wills, founder of Dogs Finding Dogs of Catonsville, spent hours Sept. 4 searching the stable grounds with Heidi.

The horse, nicknamed Addie, was having stomach trouble and spent the night alone in an outdoor pen with a supply of hay to keep her from eating grass. Wills noticed immediately that the hinges were off the gate of the pen.

"Somebody came in there with tools to be able to do that quickly," she said.

TaylorMade is a 100-acre boarding stable with 45 stalls on Mullinix Mill Road with direct access to Patuxent State Park.

The stable's owners, Kathy and Robert Taylor, have placed a missing poster on their website.

Kathy Taylor was preparing horses for an early hunt about 3:30 a.m. Sept. 3, when she was startled by a noise, according to the poster. She looked around the barn but saw



Montgomery County Police released this photo of Addie, a horse that was stolen early this month from a stable in Damascus.



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nothing amiss. About 20 minutes later, she noticed Addie was missing.

Horseman Stephen Spector, who has known Robert Taylor for 15 years, called TaylorMade a first class operation.

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The Taylors could not be reached for comment.

Addie is 16 hands, 64 inches, from hoof to shoulder, according to police. She has a red-brown coat with a white star between her eyes that leads to a white stripe down the middle of her face to her nose, where there is another white patch — a pattern called "Star, stripe, snip." Her right front and left rear legs have white stockings from the hoof to just below the

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knees. She has permanent hair loss on her right hip bone.

The owners notified police, animal services and other farms in the area. A description of the horse, which is worth about \$8,000, was entered into an East Coast law enforcement database and authorities in neighboring counties were contacted.

Montgomery County police are investigating Lady Ada's disappearance as a theft, said Officer Janelle Smith, a department spokeswoman.

Horse theft is so rare in Montgomery County that the detective in charge has never investigated a horse theft before, she said.

A search began immediately after Addie was discovered missing and continued for 16 hours that Saturday.

"By 4 o'clock they knew that horse was gone," Wills said.

Heidi tracked Addie from the pen through the grass to the bottom of the driveway, then stopped at the entrance on Mullinix Mill Road.

Wills thought it unusual that the tracks went down the grass instead of the driveway. Walking on grass would be quieter than walking on gravel, she said.

It had rained in the previous 24 hours and any tracks were washed away, but others told Wills that Heidi stopped where they had seen scuff marks.

"Horses will do that when they resist going into a trailer," she said.

Police did not release information on the missing horse until last week.

"The detective investigating thought he had leads," Smith said.

When those leads did not pan out, he sought the public's help.

"Somebody took that horse and beat it out of there," Wills said.

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Have you seen Addie?

Anyone with information regarding the theft or whereabouts of Addie is asked to contact Detective Brandon Mengedoht at 240-773-6330.

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