



# NEWS RELEASE

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

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**SUBJECT: NPD Seek Public's Help Locating Woman Wanted for Endangering Welfare of Children**

Newark Police are attempting to locate 34 year old Catherine Alex of Newark who is wanted for two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

On Tuesday Evening at approximately 7:23pm NPD officers responded to 815 North Country Club Drive for a report of a child left home alone. Responding Officers located a 10 year old boy and an 11 year old boy, both in the home by themselves. Officers found the home in deplorable condition. Neither child could provide information on the whereabouts of, Catherine Alex, only stating that she was at work. Investigators have determined that Catherine Alex is the mother of the 11 year old child and the guardian of the 10 year old child.

The Division of Family services responded to the scene and assumed emergency custody of both children. The home has subsequently been condemned by the City of Newark Building Department.

Newark PD has attempted to locate Catherine Alex without success and are asking for the public's help in locating her. She has no known vehicle and no known family in the area. She has ties to Cape May County, NJ and may be in the company of two additional children, a 9 year old female and a 2 year old male.

**Suspect:** Catherine Alex (DOB 08/08/78)  
815 North Country Club Drive  
Newark, DE 19711

**Pending Charges:** 2 cts. Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Anyone with additional information on this incident or the whereabouts of Catherine Alex should contact Det. James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or [james.skinner@cj.state.de.us](mailto:james.skinner@cj.state.de.us). You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) where a reward may be available.

*The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*

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