

Police seeking to verify trip story

Public being asked to report if
husband's truck, boat were seen

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Modesto police on Thursday asked the public for help corroborating the story of a Modesto man who reported his pregnant wife missing Christmas Eve.

Police released photos of Scott Peterson's truck, boat and boat trailer, asking anyone who saw Laci Peterson's husband the two days before Christmas to call the Police Department.

"Investigators need more information to confirm or corroborate Mr. Peterson's story," said Detective Doug Ridenour. "We want to eliminate him from this investigation. If we have an independent witness who saw him that morning, that would help."

Scott Peterson has told police he went fishing at the Berkeley Marina on Christmas Eve morning and could not find his wife when he returned.

Ridenour said forensic evidence has been taken from both Scott Peterson's boat and truck. The evidence was sent to a Department of Justice lab, Ridenour said, and it could take detectives as long as 60 days to receive the results.

Thursday night, Sgt. Ed Steele said police had received several substantial leads, but offered no details about the leads, which were among 1,100 calls to police regarding Laci Peterson's disappearance.

"They're not the type of things that are going to break the case open," Steele said. "But from what investigators were saying, they believed the tips to be credible."

Scott Peterson has told police he last saw his wife the morning of Dec. 24 as he left for the fishing trip.



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