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Press Release

Town of Vernon to Mark 40th Anniversary of Lisa Joy White's Disappearance

On Saturday November 1, 2014 at 11am, Mayor Daniel Champagne, the Vernon Police Department and family members will hold a ceremony to remember the 40th anniversary of the disappearance of Lisa Joy White. This ceremony will include the dedication of a permanent memorial at Talcott Park on Prospect St, near the location Lisa was last seen. Town officials worked together with family members to create the memorial and plan the ceremony. The ceremony, which will include short program of speakers, is being held at the memorial site at the intersection of Prospect St and Elm Street at 11am. Members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend as we remember Lisa and mark this anniversary. The media is also invited and officials will be on hand to speak with media.

Lisa Joy White was 13 years old when she disappeared on November 1, 1974 after leaving a friend's house on Prospect St walking toward Elm Street. She has never been located. The Vernon Police, CT State Police and Lisa's family have never stopped searching for her. Investigators are exploring the possibility that Lisa's disappearance may be linked to the disappearance of Deborah Spickler in 1968 and Janice Pockett in 1973.

Recently, Tolland State's Attorney Matthew Gedansky announced the creation of a cold case task force to generate a renewed interest in these cases. Anyone with information about Lisa's disappearance or any of the other cold cases in encouraged to call the Tolland County Cold Case Hotline at 860-870-3228 or email tips@vernon-ct.gov. Callers may remain anonymous. The Governor has authorized up to a \$150,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these disappearances.