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'20/20' REPORTS ON THE DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUNG SINGER TAMIKA HUSTON

Case Spotlights the Lack of Media Attention Often Paid to Missing Women of Color and How News Coverage Can Be Vital in Solving Crimes



ABC News*

“20/20” reports on the case of a 24-year-old singer who went missing and had friends, family — and the community — searching for answers. Co-anchor Deborah Roberts investigates the disturbing details of her disappearance and shares never-before-seen police interviews when “20/20” airs on **FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 (9:01-11:00 p.m., EDT)**, on ABC, next day on [Hulu](https://www.hulu.com).

Tamika Huston was a vibrant 24-year-old from Spartanburg, South Carolina, but when friends and family suddenly couldn’t reach her for an extended period, they became concerned and called the local police for a welfare check. Upon entering Tamika’s home, police discover her dog hungry and emaciated, triggering an urgent search by the police and Tamika’s family. Her aunt Rebkah Howard, a well-connected public relations maven, tries to get national news outlets to cover Tamika’s disappearance, but she finds little success in gaining their attention. Frustrated, Rebkah and those close to Tamika felt this case was emblematic of “missing white woman syndrome,” a term used to highlight the stark disparity in media coverage between missing white women and women of color.

A local woman says she had a vision and offers to help authorities find Tamika. Police finally receive a break in the case when they discover Tamika’s car abandoned. Inside the car, they locate a set of keys, ultimately unlocking the mystery behind Tamika Huston’s disappearance.

“20/20” features interviews with actress and activist Erika Alexander, host and creator of “Finding Tamika,” an Audible original series on the case; Tamika’s family members, including her aunt Rebkah Howard and sister Antonia Huston; Zelda Teamer, Tamika’s best friend; Terence Moss, Tamika’s former boyfriend; Maj. Steve Lamb and Detective Ed Guthro of the Spartanburg Police Department;

Fox News host Trey Gowdy, who was the Solicitor in the case; and Charlamagne tha God, radio personality and executive producer of "Finding Tamika."

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