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Police seek community's help in finding missing student

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Law enforcement officials are asking the public and members of the Purdue community to take part in a broad search effort Thursday (Jan. 18) to help find a missing university student.



Purdue Police Capt. Tim Potts said anyone interested in participating in the search for Wade S. Steffey, 19, should meet at 2 p.m. at the Purdue Police Department, 200 S.

Intramural Drive. Those wanting to take part in the search should come dressed for the weather conditions, Potts said. In addition to the public effort, police are asking university building deputies to organize thorough searches of all campus buildings.

[Wade Steffey](#)

"There are so many areas on and around campus that it is critical for us to have additional people to conduct the most complete search possible," said Purdue spokesperson Jeanne Norberg. "Assistance from the public and campus community in this effort is essential."

Police were alerted to Steffey's disappearance on Tuesday (Jan. 16) after family and friends became concerned that he had not been seen since late Friday (Jan. 12). Steffey, a freshman majoring in aviation technology from Bloomington, Ind., was last seen at a party at the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity house, 900 David Ross Road, and was wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with light blue stripes and light-colored jeans. At 1:11 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 13), Steffey's bank account was accessed at an automated teller machine at 1122 W. Stadium Ave., which is located in the lobby of Ford Dining Court.

Steffey is white with short brown hair and brown eyes, is 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds.

Anyone with questions about the public search effort or who has any information about the case is asked to call the Purdue Police Department at (765) 494-8221 or the

anonymous tip line at (765) 496-3784.

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