

## Police seek tips on missing Ont. woman



**Alicia Ross**

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Police north of Toronto have opened up a dedicated tip line for anyone with information into the disappearance of 25-year-old Alicia Ross.

That toll-free number is: **1-866-287-5025**. Or they can call CrimeStoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS**. Tips can be left anonymously or people can speak directly with a CrimeStoppers official, 24 hours a day.

"We request and encourage family and friends of anyone involved with this disappearance of Alicia Ross to contact police," Det. Const. Todd Snooks told a Tuesday news conference.

Ross went missing from her family home one week ago. After six days of fruitless searches, police have wrapped up a ground search, saying they uncovered no clues that could help them with their investigation.

Police said Monday that they've ruled out the possibility Ross simply stepped away from her house or had some kind of accident, saying they are now focusing on the possibility she was met with "foul play."

Ross' boyfriend, Sean Hine, 29, was the last known person to see Ross before she disappeared late Tuesday night or early Wednesday. He phoned 911 at 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning to report Ross missing.

Ross' car was still in the driveway of the home she shared with her parents in Markham, north of Toronto. She had left behind her purse and car keys.

Police say Hine is not a suspect in Ross' disappearance, though he is a "person of interest."

Insp. Thomas Carrique of the York Regional Police says police will continue with their forensic investigation, canvassing the area, and interviewing witnesses.

"We will be continuing to conduct focused searches in areas where we receive information in relation to the investigation," he told reporters.

"We'll continue to follow up on tips. We will be exploring every investigative avenue possibly available to us."



**Det. Const. Todd Snooks asked the public to call Crime Stoppers with any tips at 1-866-287-5025.**