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SENATH – The search continued throughout the area today by law enforcement officials and volunteers in hopes of finding three year old Breeann Rodriguez. As of early Sunday evening, there had been no reports on the whereabouts of the young girl.

The FBI has joined the search, assisting the local Senath Police Department, the Dunklin County Sheriff's Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

At approximately noon on Saturday, the young girl was riding her bike near her home on Ode Johnson Street in the small town of Senath, Missouri. Authorities said that Breeann was last seen wearing a pink shirt, pink shorts, riding a pink bike with her hair in pigtails.

A prayer vigil, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, attracted over 200 local community leaders and friends from throughout the area. Words of hope and encouragement were delivered to the group with few details about the ongoing search.

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Senath Mayor Joe Lane headed up the meeting along with area pastors. Each pastor offered prayers for Breeann's safe and quick return to her family.

"We will always be affected by the disappearance of this young girl" commented Mayer

Lane. "I have granddaughters and things will just not be the same."

[images/Blog Images/show/ujo1](#) The local Hispanic community pastor was on hand to deliver prayers in Spanish. After his prayer, the pastor expressed his appreciation for the community's effort to locate the young girl.

"The Hispanic community is one with the Senath community", added the pastor.

Many local businesses were appreciated at the event for their donations of ice and bottled water for those volunteers searching for the young girl.

One Senath resident commented that he lived about four houses down from the Rodriguez home. He commented that volunteers had walked every single row of the cotton fields located behind their street without any results.

Senator Rob Mayer was also on hand to offer support and assess the needs of those officials working to locate the young girl. [images/Blog Images/show/ujo3](#)

"When I learned about the young girl's disappearance on the news Saturday evening, I just couldn't get this off my heart," commented Senator Mayer. "I wanted to come down and just see if there was anything that I could do to help."

Senator Mayer took a moment to speak with Senath city officials. He was also able to take a short moment to express his concerns to the Rodriguez family and his hope for Breeann's safe return.

Many of the attendees noted that the Amber Alert had not been activated at this point, and concerns circulated about when this would take place. Local city officials noted that they were not involved with the investigation and had not been informed of the progress.

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1. Law enforcement officials have a reasonable belief that an abduction has occurred, which meets the definition in RSMo. 565.110 or 565.115.

2. Law enforcement officials believe that the child is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death.
3. Enough descriptive information exists about the victim and the abductor for law enforcement to issue an AMBER Alert.
4. The victim of the abduction is a child age 17 years or younger.
5. The child's name and other critical data elements - including the child abduction (CA) flag - have been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system.

Additional information regarding the Amber Alert guidelines can be found at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's **website**.

Until the decision is made to activate the Amber Alert, readers are encouraged share pictures and information of Breeann's disappearance with others throughout our area via Facebook and other social media applications.

If you have any information or see Breeann Rodriquez, please contact the Dunklin County Sheriff's Department at **(573) 888-2424**.

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