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Scott City, Missouri - The Scott County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help finding a missing Scott City man.

Sheriff Rick Walter says 23-year-old **Zackary Johnston** went missing Tuesday, January 19th sometime in the afternoon.

Walter says that Johnston's vehicle has been sitting on the side of AB Road across from Country Road 303 since about 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Johnston is described as a white male, 6 feet tall and weighing 150 pounds.

Search and Rescue crews are searching for Zachary Johnston on foot and by helicopter.

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Endangered Person Advisory Issued

Doniphan, Missouri - An Endangered Person Advisory has been issued by the Ripley County Sheriff's Department for a missing 19-year-old woman.

Deputies state that Topanga S. Thompson, 19, was last seen around 2 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 11 at Rural Route 2 Box 7641, County Road K-1 in Doniphan, Mo.

She is 5'4", 166 pounds with brown hair, blonde highlights and blue eyes. She was last seen wearing a Carhartt jacket, black hooded sweatshirt and black sweatpants.

Deputies say Thompson reportedly suffers from depression and may be suicidal.

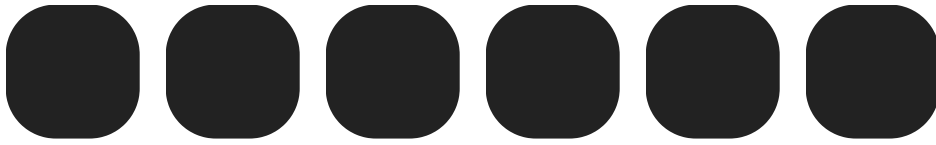
They say she left her home on foot and without personal belongings. They are unsure where she was going. They say she left after posting vague, concerning statements on her social media account.

Anyone who has seen Thompson, or has any information, is asked to call 911 or your local law enforcement agency. You may also call the Doniphan Police Department - Ripley County Sheriff's Department at 573-996-5555.

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2015 ends with highest fatalities in five years -

63 percent of fatalities were unbuckled

The year 2015 ended with an 11.4 percent increase in fatalities on Missouri roads. After two years of lower numbers, the fatalities in Missouri for 2015 were over 800 for the first time since 2012.

As of Dec. 31, 853 lives were reported lost in 2015 Missouri traffic crashes. Sixty-three percent of the drivers and passengers killed were not wearing seat belts.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the leading causes of fatal crashes continue to be speeding, driver inattention and impaired driving. A couple of new trends have emerged for 2015 including increases in improper lane use and substance-impaired driving. Those crash trends are showing a 100 percent increase in expressway intersection fatalities and an 82 percent increase in overturning vehicle fatalities when compared to 2014.

"Fifty percent of those not belted were also ejected from the vehicle," said Colonel Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "Seat belt use is the single most effective way to save lives and reduce injuries resulting from traffic crashes, so make sure everyone is properly restrained on every trip."

"Combined efforts in engineering, law enforcement, education, and emergency medical services aid in the reduction of roadway fatalities," says MoDOT Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger. "With lower gas prices in 2015, we are seeing an increase in the amount of overall travel on Missouri's roads. Drivers need to take a proactive role by wearing their seat belt and focusing on their driving,"

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Southeast Missouri Routes Closed Due to Flooding

Southeast, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Transportation has closed routes in Southeast Missouri due to the recent flooding. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and plan alternate routes.

Routes that are closed include: Updated Sunday, January 3, 2016

Butler County

- Route 142- from Route 67 to Route W (Ripley County)
- Route HH – from CR 202 to CR 214
- Route N – from CR 243 to CR 232

Cape Girardeau County

- OFF-RAMP - I-55 NB to Hwy74 - mile marker 93
- OFF-Ramp I-55 SB to MO 74
- South Kingshighway in Cape – from Route 74 to Diversion Channel
- Route 177 – from Cape Rock to CR 640
- Route 177 – from Route J to CR 610 over Indian Creek
- Route 177 – from CR 627 to CR 649 (Closed except for LOCAL/FOOT traffic)
- Route 25 – from Route 74 to Blomeyer
- Route 74 – from Route 25 to Diversion Channel
- Route A – over Hubble Creek
- Route AB – over Ramsey Creek to SEMO Port (Scott County)

Carter County

- Route M – over Mill Creek

Dunklin County

- Route ZZ – from CR 721 to end of state maintenance

Iron County

- Route F – from CR 164 to CR 165 (Crane Pond Creek)

Madison County

- Route V – from Route F to CR 243

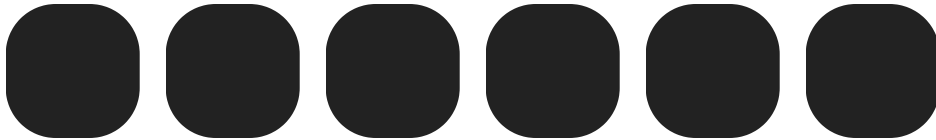
New Madrid County

- Route 162 – from CR 439 to end of state maintenance
- Route P – CR 727 to Route BB
- Route WW – from Route P to end of maintenance
- Route V – from CR 702 to CR 708

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Ohio River Bridge to Close at Midnight Thursday

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Ballard County, Kentucky - The Kentucky Transportation will close the Ohio River “Cairo” Bridge and US 51 South of Wickliffe near the Ballard-Carlisle County line at midnight on Thursday, December 31, 2015.

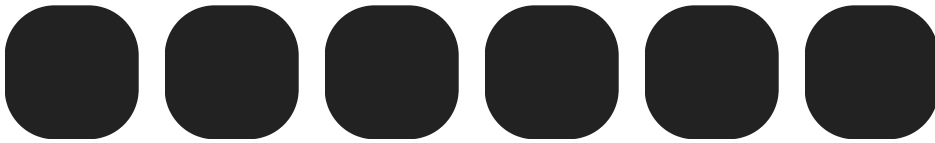
According to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District #1 they are required to close US 51 at the 6-mile marker between Wickliffe and the bridge at a little over 55 feet, thus cutting off access to the bridge.

There are about 5,000 plus cars and trucks that cross the bridge each day. Drivers are advised to plan ahead and consider alternate routes of travel.

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