

PI Jamie Katz Lost and Found Pets

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Missing for 5 days in Palm Beach Gardens, FL ... Bella is now SAFE & HOME! Here's Bella's long awaited story, told by her owner Amanda...

I have had Bella since she was a puppy, she is now 6 years old. I dropped her off at my mother's house in Palm Beach Gardens, FL on Thursday July 28th while we were out of town. My mom called me on Friday the 29th at 9:30 PM and said Bella had gotten out and she could not find her. Jeremy and I quickly changed our flight to fly home from Chicago at 7 AM on Sunday. While we were traveling back to Florida, our family and friends made hundreds of flyers that read \$1500 reward and were canvassing the neighborhood for Bella.

Right before we boarded the plane, we hired PI Jamie Katz, the Pet Detective to help us find Bella. As soon as our flight got in, we picked up the signs Jamie had designed for us and met Jamie and her tracking dogs at my mother's house. The first tracking dog Fletcher, followed Bella's scent from my mother's house to the security desk at the front of the complex and lost scent right across the street from the security gate. The second dog Gable tracked from my mother's house to a few houses across the street and then straight to the front security gates where Gable also alerted a vehicle pick up.

My family started posting the new signs where the dogs had scent and that same night, Shawntavia Nelson, a resident of the Montecito community, called me to inform me that she had found Bella and she could meet us in 15 minutes to give her back but that never happened. She then said she had dropped her off at a friend's house and would get her back the next day. Shawntavia then refused to assist us anymore. We asked her to just give us the name of who she gave Bella to and she said she could not snitch on her friend.

Jamie said it was now time to call the police. At first they were unhelpful and refused to enforce the laws even after we showed the officers Florida Statute 705.102 which states, "Whenever any person finds any lost or abandoned property, such person shall report the description and location of the property to a law enforcement officer". Jamie had us request a supervisor to respond and again, the laws were not enforced. The next morning we contacted the Chief of Police and we were told that Shawntavia should have been arrested the night before. As the police were on their way to arrest Shawntavia, she went to my mother's home and she threatened to burn down my mom's house. Shawntavia was arrested for Grand Theft of Bella as well as Simple Assault on my mother and Resisting Arrest.

Shawntavia refused to tell the police who she gave Bella to, so we raised the reward to \$5,000, Jamie got us on Local 10 news multiple times, and we were all blasting social media. The next day someone called saying they had Bella. My partner Jeremy, PI Jamie Katz, and I met the person at a police station to exchange the money for Bella and within seconds it was all over. Jamie was instrumental in helping us find our baby, I truly do not think we would have gotten her back without PI Jamie Katz! Now I have my baby back home with me and could not be happier!!!

- Amanda Finley in Fort Lauderdale, FL