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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 10/20/2025

Time: 3:15 p.m.

SUB: Missing Person

On 10/19/2025, at about 3:15 p.m., Lia Smith, age 21, of California, was reported missing to the Middlebury Police Department (MPD). Lia is a senior at Middlebury College and was last seen in a building on campus at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Friday, 10/17/2025.

This investigation is active and ongoing. Searches thus far have included the use of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), commonly known as a drone. Investigators are working to identify additional potential search areas.

A photograph of Lia is included as an attachment to this media release. She is 5'11", approximately 160 lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with information about Lia or her whereabouts is asked to contact the Middlebury Police Department at 802-388-3191 or submit an online tip on our website, www.middleburypolice.org

Case #: 25MB004323

Investigating Officer: Sergeant Nathan Hayes/Detective Ethan Jones