



# N.C. center publicizing case of missing Bogota woman

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BOGOTA - Patricia Viola left her home Feb. 13, 2001, and just vanished.

More than three years later, her family is still looking for clues about what happened to Viola, now 45. She volunteered in the library at the Bixby School. An epileptic, she was not carrying her medication or identification when she disappeared.

On Wednesday, the Community United Effort (CUE) Center for Missing Persons came to Bogota to publicize Viola's case.

"I think Pat is still out there," said Jim Viola, her husband.

Monica Caison, founder and director of the CUE Center, has been on a nationwide tour promoting missing persons cases in hopes of finding children, adults, and teenagers who have been missing for years.

"The most important thing to do is keep the faces of our loved ones out there," Caison said.

So far, Caison has traveled to 22 states from her home in North Carolina, holding news conferences about people missing from such places as Illinois, California, and Montana.

She believes most missing person cases could be solved if the images of the missing were more widely disseminated.

"A majority of our missing do not get that much air time," Caison said.

The case of Patricia Viola has been widely publicized. Local TV news broadcasts and "The Montel Williams Show" have run segments on her. Jim Viola has produced DVDs with pictures and home movies of his wife and has posted fliers with her photo and description. He even consulted a psychic in hopes of getting a lead about his wife.

Patricia is white, 5 feet 2 inches tall, 125 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes.

The police have received no good leads. "We've tried our best to do anything within our means or power," said Bogota police Capt. Mike Brophy.

People have claimed to have spotted Patricia in Pennsylvania, Montana, and around North Jersey, her husband said. But those tips have not panned out.

Patricia Viola, whose maiden name is Marri, was last seen at the Bixby School library, and by the Palisade Avenue crossing guard, at 11:35 a.m. on Feb. 13, 2001.

She arrived home, spoke to her mother, and went out again between 1:30 and 2 p.m. All her personal items - keys, medication, and identification - were left at home. Jim Viola said she may have had a seizure and lost her memory.

He believes that if he keeps attention on her case, information will turn up.

"I put my faith in God that we're going to get a good lead," Jim Viola said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Bogota Police Department at (201) 487-2400 or the Bergen County Sheriff's Department Missing Persons Bureau at (201) 646-2222. Jim Viola also maintains a Web site about his wife at <http://patriciaviolamissing.homestead.com>.

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