

On May 7, 2017, Akia Shawnta Eggleston was reported missing by family members after she failed to appear at her baby shower. For several hours, friends and family unsuccessfully tried to locate 22-year-old Eggleston, who was eight months pregnant. The last time anyone reported seeing Eggleston alive was on the afternoon of May 3, 2017.

Eggleston lived with another young woman at 606 Cherrycrest Road, Apartment M, in the Cherry Hill section of Baltimore. MPU Detectives responded to Eggleston's residence on May 9, 2017 and did not find any signs of forced entry into the apartment. Family members told MPU that certain items were missing, including clothing and a dresser, yet other kitchen and furniture items were left behind, indicating her property was not all moved out of the apartment. Of note, three triangle shaped punctures were discovered in the drywall upstairs outside Eggleston's room. The holes in the wall are consistent with a person or persons jockeying the dresser about while trying to carry it from the hallway and turn it into the stairway.

Eggleston's pregnancy was difficult and she was seeing medical providers at a Baltimore-area hospital on a regular basis to monitor the pregnancy. Given the approximate eight-month gestational period at the time of Eggleston's disappearance, there was a reasonable likelihood of the fetus's viability, that is, its sustained survival outside of the womb.

Eggleston was a regular user of social media, including Facebook. According to records received from various providers pursuant to court orders and search warrants, all cell phone and social media contact from Eggleston ceased on May 3, 2017. Since that time, dozens of family, friends, and associates have been interviewed and no one has been in contact with her. A review of financial records showed no unexplained transactions or activity to indicate Eggleston attempted to access any of her accounts or create new accounts in her name. Eggleston has been searched and/or entered into national databases such as the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP), National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUS) with negative results.

Eggleston has never attempted to contact her daughter in the four and half years since her disappearance. Eggleston's daughter was two years old at the time.

Multiple searches for Eggleston's remains have been conducted in several areas of Baltimore with negative results. Based on her pattern of life, the time passed, extensive publicity, multiple searches, and monetary reward for information in this case, the fact that Eggleston has not returned to her family or been electronically or physically located overwhelmingly indicates that she is in fact, deceased.

Supported by interviews, financial records, telephone records, and social media communications, law enforcement has reconstructed a detailed timeline of Eggleston's last days. Investigation revealed the only person with the motive, means, and opportunity to murder Eggleston was the purported father of her unborn child, Michael Robertson.

Eggleston and Robertson met when his grandmother babysat her as a young child in the 1990s. The two reconnected in mid-2016 at the birthday party of a mutual friend and began dating shortly thereafter. Robertson, age 35, was in a relationship at the time with Hali Pomeroy,

another 22-year-old woman. Pomeroy gave birth to her second child with Robertson in August 2016, and Eggleston got pregnant in or around September 2016. After being evicted from an apartment he shared with Pomeroy, Robertson began staying overnight regularly at Eggleston's Cherry Hill apartment in April 2017. Just prior to her murder, Eggleston told several friends and family members she and Robertson were imminently moving into a new apartment together.

On May 1, 2017, Eggleston messaged a friend on Facebook, stating, "Gotta put a deposit down on the new place renew my permit and see what's going on with this car if I decide to get it." The friend asked, "what new place" and Eggleston responded, "It's a place on mount St going to see it tomorrow see if I like it if so im giving a deposit."

At 12:42pm on May 2, 2017, Robertson sent Eggleston photos of an interior of an apartment/townhouse via Facebook Messenger and commented that they were blurry and he would re-send them from his "SMS" (phone). On May 2, 2017, at approximately 1:24 p.m., Eggleston purchased two money orders totaling \$450 from a Royal Farms store in Baltimore, using cash obtained via ATM withdrawal from her savings account. At 1:41 p.m., Eggleston sent a Facebook Message to Robertson, writing, "I called u I got the money order."

Around 3:36 p.m. on May 2, 2017, Eggleston spoke to a male friend, who remembered Eggleston sounding happy, but advised that although her relationship with the father of her soon-to-be-born child was "okay," she was unsure if she trusted him because he was in a relationship with at least one other woman. Despite this, Eggleston seemed excited because the baby's father told her he was going to pay for a house for them to live in and was going to buy them a car for transportation. The friend believed Eggleston expected the purchase or rental of a house and the purchase of a car were going to happen in the near future.

Minutes later, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Robertson searched "where can I cash a money order in baltimore md" from his Google account. Around 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2017, Wells Fargo Bank records placed Eggleston in the downtown area of Baltimore where she unsuccessfully attempted to withdraw cash twice from an ATM (approximately \$400 and \$200). She was simultaneously texting back and forth with Robertson. The content of these text messages remains unknown due to Eggleston's phone never being recovered and Robertson obtaining a new handset prior to investigators obtaining a search warrant for his device.

Based on cellular phone records, Robertson was at work during the day on May 2, 2017. By his calling patterns and cell site data, he left work at his ordinary time, arriving in the cell site area near Eggleston's home by 4:15 p.m. By Eggleston's cell site data, she returned to the area covered by her home cellular tower by 5:17 p.m. At 6:05 p.m., Eggleston posted a photograph of her pregnant belly on Facebook. At 6:06 p.m., one minute after Eggleston's post, Robertson and Pomeroy begin a series of text messages and Facebook messages back and forth that continued into the early morning hours of May 3, 2017.

As Pomeroy and Robertson exchanged messages, Eggleston was on Facebook messenger, and at 10:32 p.m. was asked by a friend, "Hey did you get to go to the townhouse to drop off the deposit." Eggleston responded immediately, "No I have to go tomorrow."

At 10:42 p.m., Robertson sent Pomeroy Facebook messages that he was “Sleeping” and had just “Laid Down” and “Don’t Do This.” At 10:50 p.m., Robertson wrote to Pomeroy, “Please Hali”, “I’m Going Crazy”, followed by “Please Call Me”, “I’m Walking Over There, Right Now.” At 11:58 p.m., Robertson wrote “Almost At 195” even though his cell site data shows he never left the cellular tower coverage area near Eggleston’s residence. Moreover, though Robertson suggested he would walk over to see Pomeroy, Eggleston’s and Pomeroy’s residences were approximately ten miles from one another because Pomeroy was staying with her mother in Elkridge.

According to cell site data and employment records, Robertson was at work at a job site in Washington, DC at least as of 6:30 a.m. on May 3, the day of Eggleston’s murder. He and Eggleston exchanged text messages throughout the day, and he spoke to Pomeroy for 11 minutes at 7:52 a.m.

On the afternoon of May 3, 2017, Eggleston was seen on bank surveillance video at approximately 12:52 p.m. depositing the two money orders as well as a paycheck from her employer at a BB&T bank in downtown Baltimore where she maintained an account. The total of the deposit was \$572.42. Eggleston then made a \$450.00 cash withdrawal from the same account. A bank employee at BB&T, who knew Robertson from high school and Eggleston from previous interactions at the bank, was interviewed and reported the two spoke about Eggleston’s difficult pregnancy and her upcoming baby shower. Eggleston showed the bank employee the money orders she purchased the day before and asked what she needed to do to cash them. The “pay to the order of” line was blank. Eggleston told the bank employee that she purchased the money orders to use to move from her current apartment to a new residence, but now had to cash the money orders because she found out “the guy only takes cash,” referring to the landlord or property manager. The bank employee thought it was odd that a landlord or property manager would not accept a money order but gave Eggleston instructions on how to cash the money orders at the teller line. Through interviews and investigation it was learned that landlords in Baltimore City prefer other forms of rent payment to cash as a robbery preventive measure.

Also during the afternoon of May 3, 2017, Eggleston’s Facebook account exchanged messages about her plans regarding the new apartment with several friends. Eggleston wrote to one friend, “Ok im bout to move”, followed by, “Mount st.” Eggleston wrote to another friend, “I get the keys today”, followed by, “Mount st.” Eggleston also told the second friend she was moving in with “my babyfather”, and “we been living together for a while it’s just on the hush don’t need nobody in my business...” At 3:38 p.m., the second friend asked Eggleston, “... so he going actually be there for everything the baby shower and all”, to which Eggleston responded, “Yup.”

On May 3, 2017, at approximately 3:45 p.m., a Lyft driver picked up an individual later identified by the driver as Robertson off I-97 in Ferndale, Maryland for a ride requested by Lyft user Akia Eggleston. This location is a short distance from Robertson’s place of employment at the time, Federal Interiors Group (“FIG”), located at 7364 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Glen Burnie, Maryland, and approximately ten miles from Eggleston’s residence. At approximately 4:00 p.m. the Lyft driver dropped Robertson off one building over from Eggleston’s residence in Cherry Hill.

Analysis of call-detail records and cell-site information indicates Eggleston's phone was at or near her residence between 3:05 p.m. and 4:05 p.m. on May 3, 2017. Those records further indicate that at 3:43 p.m., a short time after Eggleston booked the Lyft ride, Eggleston's cell phone received an incoming call from Lyft. Analysis of call-detail records and cell-site information for Robertson's phone indicates his phone was at or near his place of employment at 3:44 p.m. on May 3, 2017, when he received a 58-second call from Eggleston. This is the last contact between Eggleston's and Robertson's phones on May 3, 2017. Robertson's next voice call occurred at 5:34 p.m., at which time his phone was located near Eggleston's residence. Based on the call records and Lyft records, investigators believe Eggleston and Robertson were together at her Cherry Hill residence during the late afternoon hours of May 3, 2017.

At approximately 5:22 p.m., Eggleston sent a friend the invite to her baby shower, which was scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017. This Facebook message is the last known outgoing communication sent by Eggleston to anyone.

An analysis of Robertson's cell site records on May 3, 2017, indicates his phone was in the area near Eggleston's residence when he made and received phone calls from 5:35 p.m. to 6:18 p.m. Robertson and Pomeroy called each other four times between approximately 5:35 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. There is no contact between the two again until 6:05 p.m. There are two notable gaps in Eggleston's and Robertson's cell phone and social media activity around this time. The first gap (approximately 13 minutes) is between Eggleston's last outgoing message at 5:22 p.m. until 5:35 p.m. when Robertson calls Pomeroy. The second gap is the approximately 26 minutes between two calls from Robertson to Pomeroy (the first at 5:39 p.m. and the second at 6:05 p.m.). At 6:16 p.m., Robertson called his brother. At 6:18 p.m., Pomeroy called Robertson and the two spoke for over 8 minutes.

At 6:22 p.m., Robertson's phone begins to move away from the area around Eggleston's apartment in Cherry Hill and towards downtown Baltimore as he continues to communicate with Pomeroy. Notably, there are no phone calls and thus no location data for Eggleston's phone between 4:05 p.m. and 6:57 p.m. At 6:51 p.m., Robertson's phone was located in the area of East Lombard Street and South Howard Street in downtown Baltimore. According to call detail records, the last activity on Eggleston's phone was an unanswered possible telemarketer's incoming call at 6:57 p.m. At that time, Eggleston's phone was located in the same area in downtown Baltimore as Robertson's. After that incoming call, all activity ceased on Eggleston's phone, indicating her phone was disabled or turned off after that time.

Shortly after 7:00 p.m., Robertson visited his brother at his home in the 2100 block of Wilkens Avenue. Robertson's brother was interviewed most recently on November 9, 2021 and recalled a few things unusual about the visit. On this occasion, Robertson brought a 40oz. beer with him, which he could rarely afford to do. He also did not ask for anything to eat during the visit, which was usually the primary reason he went to his brother's home. After playing a couple of video games on X-box, Robertson left. Eggleston was not with Robertson during the visit. No location information linked to phone calls is available for Robertson's phone after his last call at 7:13 p.m. until the following morning, May 4, 2017, at 8:17 a.m. when he was at work in Washington, D.C.

As of midday on Saturday, May 6, 2017, the cell phone number Robertson used at the time of Eggleston's disappearance no longer made any outgoing calls, and based on a review of records, any incoming calls did not appear to be answered. According to records provided by Sprint, Robertson changed his phone number on May 6, 2017, at 11:33 a.m., which was a full 24 hours prior to Eggleston's baby shower when her friends and family first reported her missing. Prior to changing his phone number, Robertson sent text messages to Eggleston on the afternoon of May 4, 2017, but never attempted to call her phone after their last call just prior to the Lyft pickup on May 3, 2017.

Eggleston's baby shower was scheduled for May 7, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Mondawmin Mall. Eggleston planned her own baby shower and sent out electronic invites to family members and friends. Eggleston told numerous family members and friends that Robertson was going to be at the baby shower and that he was bringing food. As friends and family members arrived at the baby shower they noticed that both Eggleston and Robertson were not present. At approximately 2:00 PM when both Eggleston and Robertson failed to show for the baby shower family members and friends drove to Eggleston's residence in Cherry Hill looking for her with negative results. Various individuals repeatedly called Eggleston's cell phone, but her phone went directly to voicemail. At least one family member called Robertson's brother, Kenny Robertson, looking for Robertson, but also with negative results. Family members and friends then searched the area surrounding Eggleston's residence, but there were no signs of Eggleston. A call was then placed to the police department and Eggleston was officially reported missing.

Eggleston's friends and family members identified Robertson as the purported father of the unborn child and police learned that he had been living with her. Investigators also learned that Robertson was in a relationship with Hali Pomeroy and that Robertson could not be located.

Accordingly, Robertson has been interviewed multiple times during the course of this investigation, but notably has displayed a consistent pattern of hiding or avoiding police contact for weeks or months at a time between interviews. A telephonic interview was first conducted with Robertson on May 9, 2017, where he told MPU that he last saw Eggleston on May 1 or May 2, 2017. Despite numerous attempts to locate him, Robertson was unable to be interviewed by police again until June 15, 2017. Following that interview, Robertson could not be located again until October 2017. Within days of being interviewed on October 19, 2017, Robertson, Pomeroy, and their two small children moved to Muskegon, Michigan, where several of Pomeroy's relatives reside. Interviews conducted with Pomeroy's friends and family there in late 2021 indicated Robertson did not want to obtain employment or any form of identification when he arrived in Michigan.

Robertson claimed he last saw Eggleston on the Monday morning before the scheduled baby shower (Monday was May 1, 2017). During his interview on June 15, 2017, Robertson said the following:

"I was there Monday and when I left and went to work and when I came back my shit was packed for me. So I took that as the hint. Okay, well I'll get my shit and roll. I tried and call and talk to her. Now her room was still rented and everything. She didn't answer me, she ain't talk

back to me and that was the last, that when I left that Monday I came went upstairs, I knocked on her door and I said I was about to leave there, and she said alright and she closed her door and laid back down and went back to sleep and that was the last time I saw her.”

Robertson was asked if Eggleston knew he was coming over later that afternoon. Despite the fact he told investigators he was with Eggleston that morning and the several phone calls and text messages between them during the day, he said, “I talked to her the night before and I let her know I said hey, I’m, you know...” Robertson also claimed he called and texted Eggleston when he arrived at her apartment that afternoon and received no response. He stated, “Her phone was ringing, it was on and everything. It was ringing and I texted, she didn’t respond. So I text her back and I was like well okay, I can take a hint. And so I gathered my stuff and I left.” Contrary to his admission, the last phone call between Robertson and Eggleston’s phones was on May 3, 2017 at 3:44 p.m., and the last text message that same day between them was at 12:39 p.m., which were both prior to the Lyft drop-off in Cherry Hill.

During the June 2017 interview, Robertson was asked for his phone number at the time he last saw Eggleston. He provided Detectives with an incorrect phone number. Robertson was also asked about moving into an apartment on Mount Street with Eggleston. He responded, “We weren’t planning to rent a place up on Mount Street.”

Robertson was interviewed again on October 19, 2017. This time, when confronted with photos of the apartment he sent to Eggleston on Facebook on May 2, 2017, he admitted he sent them and reported Eggleston told him, “I’ll get the money or whatever and then we can take it over there, we can go look at the place or whatever.” When asked whether he and Eggleston ever went to look at the apartment, Robertson responded, “No. We didn’t go look at it. That’s what, we didn’t go anywhere. We did not go anywhere. She couldn’t leave the house. How could we go somewhere if she couldn’t leave the house?”

Investigators conducted an Internet reverse image search and located the apartment featured in the photographs Robertson sent Eggleston. That residence was a completely different residence from the one Robertson made Eggleston believe they were moving to. The owners of the actual residence from the photographs were interviewed in July 2020 and stated they had no record they were ever contacted by Robertson or Eggleston. Moreover, the property was located across town on the east side of Baltimore and listed for \$2,875 per month, with an additional deposit of \$2,875 required at signing, which is exponentially higher than the \$900 deposit Eggleston believed she was providing.

During his October 19, 2017 interview, Robertson was asked why he changed his phone number around the time of Eggleston’s disappearance. He replied that he was receiving threatening phone calls and “death threats” from Eggleston’s relatives accusing him of being responsible. However, documents received from Sprint show that Robertson changed his phone number on Saturday May 6, 2017, the day before the scheduled May 7 baby shower. A review of his phone records prior to his number being changed did not reveal any pattern of calls consistent with what he described. Further, Robertson did not show up at the baby shower, although Eggleston told friends he would be attending and was bringing food. In an interview on October 4, 2021, Pomeroy told investigators that she and Robertson stayed in a hotel together in

Linthicum the weekend of the baby shower. Pomeroy also confirmed getting into a volatile argument with Robertson the night of May 2 about Eggleston's sonogram photograph posted on Facebook.

A Google account linked to Robertson was identified, and records obtained via search warrant showed his account was created in 2010 and registered to "The Moortician." A review of Google search history from October 14, 2017, revealed 18 distinct searches, or links clicked, regarding trash pickup, landfills, or dumpster pickup in Baltimore City. Specifically, searches were conducted on that day for, "where does Baltimore city trash go when picked up" (searched twice), "BALTIMORE City Dumpster pickup", and "baltimore city landfill." The searches were conducted a few days after Fox 45 News aired a report on Eggleston's disappearance.

Eggleston's residence in Cherry Hill was an end-unit that abutted a parking lot containing large trash dumpsters. The dumpsters were approximately 30 feet from Eggleston's front door. Investigation determined refuse from the dumpsters was picked up several times a week and transported via railcar to a landfill located in Northern Virginia. Investigators visited the landfill and spoke with engineers who determined the area of the landfill where the trash was ultimately deposited consisted of two 10-acre sections. From approximately April 10, 2017 to July 7, 2017, engineers estimated over 500,000 tons of municipal solid waste was compacted in those sections, which were filled up to 40 feet deep within a few weeks of Eggleston's disappearance. Safety regulations due to hazardous gases present prevent the landfill from digging more than four feet down. Private companies can be contracted to dig further, but no heavy equipment currently available can reach farther than 20 feet down.

To date, investigators are unaware of any attempts by Robertson to assist in the search for Eggleston and their unborn child. In fact, Robertson has displayed a pattern of avoidance or fleeing from police after being questioned about Eggleston's murder. Most recently, investigators attempted to interview him at his residence in Muskegon, Michigan on October 4, 2021. After declining to be interviewed, surveillance assets determined Robertson left his home and he could not be located for several hours. Further, the few statements Robertson has provided to law enforcement have been contradictory and deceptive. Robertson falsely led Eggleston to believe they were going to move in together. He presented a version of the last time he saw Eggleston and the last time he went to her apartment that is inconsistent with multiple pieces of evidence, to include Lyft records, cellular phone records, and witness statements. He lied about when and why his phone number changed **before** Eggleston was reported missing. Lyft and cellular phone records place him with Eggleston on May 3, 2017, during the moments before and immediately after her communications abruptly ceased. His phone and Eggleston's phone were located together in downtown Baltimore after investigators believe she was murdered, and her phone has never been recovered. Robertson did not show up to Eggleston's baby shower, and instead was staying in a hotel with Pomeroy. Finally, Robertson's Google searches for "where does Baltimore city trash go when picked up", "BALTIMORE City Dumpster pickup", and "baltimore city landfill" indicate what may have happened to Eggleston's remains. Accordingly, your investigators pray that First Degree Murder warrants be issued charging Michael Robertson with the murders of Akia Eggleston and her unborn baby.