

# THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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## **For Immediate Release February 20, 2009**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) has cancelled the Amber Alert which was initially issued at the request of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

According to Lancaster County Sheriff Barry Faile, the suspect, 29-year-old Gerardo Reyes-Campos is still on the loose.

There is an active manhunt for him involving several agencies.

**Campos should be considered as armed and dangerous.**

The children he's accused of abducting are safe and were found unharmed around 3 o'clock this afternoon at West Way Apartments in Lancaster County by Lancaster County Sheriff's deputies and SLED agents.

3-year-old Melanie Reyes and 1-year-old Destiny Reyes are in the process of being turned over to family members.

Campos is accused of stabbing his common law wife, 22-year-old Diane Madisol Trejo and taking their children from a Lancaster County home located at 2020 Santa Barbara Drive on Thursday night.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call around 8:15 Thursday night from Trejo's neighbor in reference to a stabbing at a Lancaster County home.

When deputies arrived at the location, they found Trejo with a 2 ½ to 3 inch long stab wound to her neck.

Deputies secured the scene for EMS officials to arrive.

Emergency personnel airlifted Trejo to Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, S.C.

At last check, she was in critical, but stable condition.

When he's captured, Gerardo Reyes-Campos will be charged by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office with Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill and charges to be determined in relation to the abduction.

That agency has previously charged Reyes-Campos with criminal domestic violence and cocaine distribution.

Numerous SLED agents, The S.C. Information and Intelligence Center (SCIIC), The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, The Lancaster Police Department, The S.C. Highway Patrol, The Chester County Sheriff's Office, The Chester Police Department, The Great Falls Police Department, The Fort Lawn Police Department, The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, The Saluda County Sheriff's Office, The Saluda Police Department, The Richland County Sheriff's Department, The Lexington County Sheriff's Department, The Aiken County Sheriff's Office, The Newberry County Sheriff's Department, The Newberry Police Department, The York County Sheriff's Office, The Kershaw County Sheriff's Office, The United States Secret Service, The United States Marshals Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) worked diligently on this investigation.

SLED extends its gratitude to S.C. citizens for their helpful tips and vigilance during this AMBER Alert.

South Carolina's AMBER Alert program was started in 2002 and is a voluntary partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, (NCMEC) the S.C. Broadcaster's Association, (SCBA) and the S.C. Department of Transportation.

Since its activation in 2004, The SC AMBER Alert has been issued 32 times.

As a result, numerous agencies in S.C. and other states have helped with the successful recovery of 40 children.

**Note to media: Citizens should continue to be on the lookout for a tan, 2000 Isuzu Trooper with South Carolina tags BJD-238.**

**Citizens should call 9-1-1 immediately if they see Campos or the vehicle.**

**They should also call Crimestoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC or The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at (803) 283-3388.**