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On today's show, two families torn apart by a child abduction and brutal murder will speak out and share their emotional stories in a **DAYTIME EXCLUSIVE** that is making national headlines. Six years ago, 3-week-old **Le-Zhan Williams** was abducted from his California home after his 17-year-old mother, **Daphne Boyden**, was shot and murdered and her home set ablaze in a case that baffled police. Just a few weeks ago, an anonymous tip led to the discovery of Le-Zhan and the arrest of the woman police believe responsible for his kidnapping and the murder of his mother – 22-year-old **Latasha Brown**. With Le-Zhan now in protective custody, and a possible legal battle about to begin, family members of both the victim and accused break their silence in a gripping, heart-breaking hour. **Jessica** and **Russell** were Daphne's closest family members – Jessica is Le-Zhan's godmother and Russell grew up with Daphne in their grandmother's home as brother and sister. The two say they hope their family gets custody of Le-Zhan. **Alisia Brown**, Latasha's sister, says she had no idea that the child her sister was raising, who Latasha called **They**, was not her son. Latasha's mother, **Delores Brown**, was charged with child concealment and also cooperated with police to help find Latasha and Le-Zhan after they recently fled. We also hear a statement from **Lathan Williams**, Le-Zhan's biological father and an aspiring rap star, who is currently

serving time in prison for an unrelated armed robbery. **Lt. Richard Nichelman**, a Vallejo, CA Police Detective assigned to the case, joins us to reveal more details, and **Georgia Hilgeman-Hammond**, Director and Founder of the **Vanished Children's Alliance** talks about how reunions between kidnapped children and their families should be handled. Plus, from **Tammy Horvath**, Child Passenger Safety Instructor from **The Children's Safety Village of Central Florida** gives us important, life-saving tips on seatbelt safety in this week's **Keeping Children Safe** segment.

[*Click here for more information on this week's Keeping Children Safe segment.](#)

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Jessica & Russell

Jessica and Russell are murder victim **Daphne Boyden's** closest cousins. Jessica is also the godmother of 6-year-old **Le-Zhan Williams**, who was abducted after his mother was murdered and her home set ablaze when he was only weeks old. Russell and Daphne were cousins who grew up together and were as close as siblings. Jessica and Russell have spent the past 6 years on a crusade to find their cousin's son, and both talk about how they feel about this devastating situation. Le-Zhan is currently in protective custody after an anonymous tip led to his recovery and the arrest of the woman who was raising him, **Latasha Brown**. They meet Latasha's sister, **Alisia**, for the first time today in the studio.

Lt. Richard Nichelman

Lt. Nichelman is a detective with the **Vallejo, CA Police Department**. He was the main investigator in both **Daphne Boyden's** murder case and in the abduction case of **Le-Zhan Williams**, and says an anonymous tip led police to find the missing 6-year-old.

Alisia

Alisia, 19, is **Latasha Brown's** sister and **Delores Brown's** daughter. Latasha is charged with kidnapping, arson, and murder in connection with

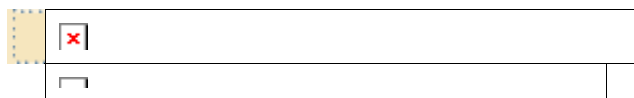
Daphne Boyden's murder and **Le-Zhan Williams'** kidnapping. Latasha had been raising 6-year-old Le-Zhan as her own son, calling him **Shey**. Alisia's mother, Delores, is charged with child concealment; she cooperated with police to help arrest Latasha and retrieve Le-Zhan. Alisia says she never suspected that her sister may have kidnapped the boy she was raising and says her family is devastated. She comes face to face with Daphne's family for the very first time in the studio.

Georgia Hilgeman-Hammond

Georgia is the Executive Director and Founder of the **Vanished Children's Alliance**, a national private non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention, location, and recovery of missing and abducted children. Georgia talks about the feelings **Le-Zhan** is likely to experience as a result of his kidnapping and the reunion with his biological mother's family. Georgia says the best interest of the child is the most important thing to keep in mind, and that counseling and therapy for both the child and family is crucial.

Tammy Horvath

Tammy is a Child Passenger Safety Instructor from **The Children's Safety Village of Central Florida**. She gives us valuable, life-saving information and tips on seat belt safety in this week's **Keeping Children Safe** segment.



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