

Success Story

January 2016 – Pinellas County

A four-year-old female and her five-year-old sister were abducted by their non-custodial mother from their father's home. The mother made statements that she would harm herself and the children, an AMBER Alert was authorized. Three citizens were alerted by the AMBER Alert on their cell phones, recognized the vehicle in a hotel parking lot, and called 911. Law enforcement responded and took the subject into custody. The children were recovered safely.

April 2016 – Madison County

A seven-year-old male was abducted while playing outside by a suspect in a vehicle. The child was dropped off the next day in front of a residence, after the suspect learned about the AMBER Alert. The homeowner recognized the child as the subject of the alert and contacted law enforcement. The child was recovered in good condition and reunited with his parents.

September 2016 – Citrus County

The non-custodial mother of two boys took them by force from the foster mother's residence. The biological father was also with the children and non-custodial mother. An AMBER Alert was issued due to the violence used to take the children. The law enforcement investigation indicated that the mother was in state of Georgia. The AMBER Alert was extended to Georgia and the children were recovered safely and the parents arrested.

September 2016 – Duval County

A four-year-old male was abducted by his non-custodial father. The child was taken by force from the mother who was allegedly found murdered by the father. The child was recovered in Baltimore, Maryland at the paternal grandmother's home. The Grandmother saw the alert and called local law enforcement to report that the child was safe and unharmed.

October 2016 – Polk County

A four-year-old female was reported missing from her family's mobile home. It was determined that she was abducted by a family friend. The law enforcement investigation revealed that the suspect was possibly headed to Georgia or Tennessee. The AMBER Alert was extended to Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. A citizen recognized the vehicle in the parking lot of a hospital in Tennessee and contacted security. They stopped the vehicle, arrested the suspect, and recovered the child.

November 2016 – Broward County

A three-year-old male went missing after riding to the store with the mother's boyfriend and another adult male. The mother's boyfriend exited the vehicle to go inside a store, the other male drove off with the child in the backseat. An AMBER Alert was activated for the missing child. The child was recovered due to the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA). The suspect was arrested while burglarizing vehicles and revealed he had dropped the child off at another location. The child was recovered safely.

If you have any questions about the Florida AMBER Plan, please contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse at 1-888-356-4774.