

Damakia Ann Phinizee is a U.S. Army Veteran who was last seen on October 12, 2007 at the Filmore Center in Tupelo, Mississippi. Damakia Ann Phinizee was last seen dropping a friend off around noon on October 12, 2007 at the Filmore Center, an alternative school where she also worked as a security guard. Damakia Ann Phinizee was reported missing by her sister when Damakia failed to pick up her three children from her sister's home and the sister had not heard from her. The vehicle that Damakia Ann Phinizee was last seen driving, a red 2005 Pontiac Grand Am 2 Door, was later located at the Warfield Apartments on the 2600 block of Jackson Street in Tupelo. Witnesses

observed the vehicle enter the apartment complex at a high rate of speed and being driven by a black male who quickly exited the vehicle and ran behind the apartments. The black male driver was wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. Damakia Ann Phinizee spent five years in the U.S. Army and was pursuing a degree in criminal justice at the time she went missing. Heer family says that it is unlike Damakia Ann Phinizee to abandon her three children. Damakia Ann Phinizee was 26 years old when she went missing in 2007. Damakia Ann Phinizee is 5 feet 1 inch tall and weighed approximately 122 pounds at the time of her disappearance. Damakia Ann Phinizee has black hair

and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing blue jean Capri's with pockets in the sides, red flip-flops and a tan shirt with red around the sleeves and neck. If you have any information about the whereabouts of Damakia Ann Phinizee, contact the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations at 601-987-1212. Tupelo PD Missing Person Bulletin:

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Mississippi officer says man's story of wife's 2007 disappearance 'didn't add up'

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DESOTO COUNTY, Miss. — A former Verona, Mississippi police officer says she's familiar with the man accused of shooting his wife in Olive Branch earlier this month — and she says she's heard his story before.

Robert Phinizee is [charged with attempted murder](#) in a shooting that injured his wife on Keri Cove on Feb. 10. He told a WREG reporter at the scene that his wife tried to shoot him as they were working things out, and the gun went off, hitting her.

She is still in the hospital in critical condition.

However, detectives in Verona, Mississippi say Phinizee may also be involved with the [disappearance of former wife nearly 13 years ago](#).

Former Verona Police Department Sgt. Tara Sloan said she's not buying Phinizee's story, and believes he's a threat to society.

“Just hearing his voice and saying that they were trying to reconcile, I just knew,” Sloan said. “That's the same thing he said with Demakia.”

Sloan said she met Phinizee in 2007 when she was investigating the disappearance of his former wife, Demakia Phinizee.

She said Demakia was reported missing by her sister, who said she didn't pick up her kids from school.

Sloan says when they arrived at Demakia's home, they noticed all the sheets in the master bedroom were missing.

The first person they called was Robert.

“He tried to say Demakia was missing and probably ran off with a boyfriend. It just didn't add up,” Sloan said.

She said Robert told them he removed the sheets because the kids wet the bed, but officers were never able to find the sheets.

At one point, Sloan said, she worked with Demakia. She said Demakia would tell her that she and Robert were separating, and she even had a new boyfriend.

“In my heart, I felt like Robert had something to do with this. Nobody else had any problems with Demakia. Nobody but Robert, all because Demakia was trying to leave him,” Sloan said. “She was leaving him and he would stalk her.”

Sloan said Robert was the main suspect in Demakia's case and they believe foul play was involved. However, the day after Demakia went missing, Robert packed up their home and the kids and left the city.

She said the Verona Police Department had a sudden change in power and the case went cold.

Based on the similarities in both his current and former wife's case, Sloan said she hopes there will be enough evidence for a conviction.

“Demakia's family needs closure,” Sloan said. “It's been 12 years and they need closure.”

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