



**DOMONIQUE HOLLEY-GRISHAM**

# Still missing after 15 years



## Mom holds out hope Rochester case will be solved

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This week marks 15 years since the disappearance of Domonique Holley-Grisham, of Rochester. The 16-year-old walked out of his home on Champlain Street on Feb. 12, 2009, never to be seen again.

His mother, Mozell Jones-Grisham, says she will not rest until she gets answers in her son's case.

Last year, USA TODAY highlighted Domonique's story in a national investigation into disparities in missing children's cases. Its findings showed that missing Black children, like Domonique, are disproportionately classified as runaways compared to their white counterparts.

The Rochester Police Department said race did not play a factor in his disappearance investigation, but Mozell says she feels her son's case would have been handled differently if he were white.

"They just labeled him as a runaway, as, 'Oh, he's all right,' or, 'He'll be back,' or, 'He's just blowing off steam,'" Mozell told USA TODAY. "When as a mother, in my gut, I think something happened to my son."

Jones-Grisham is now living in North Carolina, but she continues to hold onto hope that her son's case will be solved. On this 15th anniversary, she planned to release balloons with her loved ones in Domonique's honor.

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**Jaquan Holley-Grisham and his mother, Mozell Jones-Grisham, hold a homemade poster inside Mozell's room at the Embassy Suites in Concord, N.C. Mozell Jones-Grisham's son Domonique disappeared from his family home in Rochester in 2009. The teen was home with his youngest brother and his mother's best friend when he received a phone call. After picking up the phone, Domonique walked out of his house, never to be seen again.** MICHAEL HENS DILL/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY



**Mozell Jones-Grisham sits alone in the lobby of the Embassy Suites in Concord, N.C., where she works and lives. Her son Domonique Holley-Grisham disappeared from his family home in Rochester on Feb. 12, 2009.**

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The WNY Missing & Unidentified Persons Network will be hosting a peaceful protest for Monroe County's missing and unidentified persons Feb. 26. The protest will run from 9-11 a.m.,

starting at the Public Safety Building and then marching to the Mayor's office.

If you have any information on the disappearance of Domonique Holley-Grisham, please email [MDScott@gannett.com](mailto:MDScott@gannett.com) and [rbell@gannett.com](mailto:rbell@gannett.com).

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