

INFO MEMO

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Response to Disappearance of CSSN Angelina Resendiz, USN

1) This memo responds to questions from Members of Congress concerning the response of the military chain of command to CSSN Angelina Resendiz's disappearance while assigned to USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95).

2) QUESTIONS:

a) After Seamen Resendiz initially went missing on May 29th when was she classified as UA (Unauthorized Absence)?

i) On 29 May 2025, CSSN Resendiz was visually observed as onboard Naval Station Norfolk by an E-7 assigned to USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS. CSSN Resendiz was on authorized liberty on 29 May 2025, meaning she had no assigned duties on USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95) that day and was not required to muster with her chain of command. On 30 May 2025, CSSN Resendiz had assigned duties and was expected to muster at 0730 on USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS. When CSSN Resendiz did not report for duty on 30 May 2025, she was listed on the warship's daily absentee report in accordance with the Navy Regulations and Military Personnel Manual. The muster report was completed at 1010 that morning, with the start time of CSSN Resendiz's UA noted as 0730.

ii) **Note: MILPERSMAN 1600-040 (enclosed) provides procedures for Commands to which enlisted and officer absentees are attached.**

b) Did the command search her room before deciding on this classification?

i) CSSN Resendiz's assigned barracks room was inspected at the following times preceding the command designating her as absent:

- 30 May 2025, 0930 – based on her absence, two members of the USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS conducted a wellness check on the barracks room of CSSN Resendiz and the room of the Sailor with whom she was last seen on 29 May 2025. Both rooms were entered and neither Sailor was located. At 1017, the crew members called the command to report that CSSN Resendiz was not located, confirming the UA status previously documented on the muster report.

- A wellness check had also been conducted by Naval Station Norfolk Base Police at 0545 the day prior (29 May 2025) after an E-4 assigned to USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS reported that he could not locate CSSN Resendiz after she contacted him requesting to be picked up at the barracks. At that time, Base Police also entered CSSN Resendiz's room.

- During a wellness check on another Sailor assigned to USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS at 1000 on 29 May 2025, an E-7 assigned to USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS located CSSN Resendiz in the barracks room assigned to another Sailor. CSSN Resendiz was on authorized liberty at the time.

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This was the second room checked by USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS at 0930 on 30 May 2025.

- c) Did the UA status delay the start of the formal investigation?
 - i) The command's decision regarding UA status is solely a command action and it did not affect the initiation of the NCIS investigation. NCIS commenced investigative steps on 31 May 2025, after being notified by Norfolk Police Department (NPD) on 31 May 2025 of a missing persons report which NPD received on 31 May 2025. NPD reported that the missing persons report pertained to both CSSN Resendiz and the Sailor with whom she was last seen in the barracks on 29 May 2025.
 - ii) NCIS initially contacted USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS regarding the missing persons report on 31 May 2025.
- d) When did the Navy first contact Seaman Resendiz's mother and what information did they give her?
 - i) 31 May 2025, 1900 – CSSN Resendiz's mother contacted the USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS quarterdeck requesting information on her daughter's whereabouts. The E-7 assigned to USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS who last saw CSSN Resendiz in the barracks on 29 May 2025 spoke with the mother and confirmed that he saw her on 29 May 2025. The E-7 informed Ms. Castle that CSSN Resendiz was absent on 30 May and 31 May 2025, and that the Navy was actively working to locate her daughter.
 - ii) 1 June 2025 – NCIS contacted and spoke with Ms. Castle.
 - (1) Thereafter, NCIS had daily contact with Ms. Castle between 1 June 2025 and 11 June 2025, with 7 June 2025 the only exception.
 - iii) 2 June 2025 - the Commanding Officer (CO) of USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS called Ms. Castle to inform her that CSSN Resendiz had not reported for duty since 30 May 2025 and that the chain of command was concerned about her wellbeing and actively working to locate her along with law enforcement. The CO inquired if Ms. Castle had heard from CSSN Resendiz and also informed Ms. Castle of the missing persons report and the NCIS investigation. This notification occurred on Day 4 of CSSN Resendiz's absence – Navy policy requires such a notification to next-of-kin on Day 5 of a Sailor's absence.

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