

# **Family of missing woman issue appeal as police confirm 'extensive enquiries are ongoing'**

**Police say that extensive enquiries are ongoing to locate Khasha Smith, 35, who is missing from the Calder area of Edinburgh.**

Officers have established that the last known confirmed sighting of Khasha was Tuesday, 10 October, 2023.

Her family is extremely concerned for her and are today appealing to the public for any information which could help trace Khasha.

Khasha's mum Nicola Neil said: "Khasha, we love you so much and just need to know you are safe. We need you home with us.

"If anyone, anywhere, knows where Khasha is – please tell us. Please don't let us go on like this.

"Khasha is a brilliant mum to her three children and is loved by all our very close family. We are all sick with worry. Khasha is my friend as well as my daughter and we are living a nightmare.

"It's hard to find the words to explain the "not knowing" where she is and if anything has happened to her. These past few weeks have been horrendous and painful for us all.

"I would ask anyone out there – even if we don't know you –

please come forward if you know anything at all.

“Please help us bring Khasha home. This waiting is unbearable. I’m begging you from the bottom of my heart – please get in touch. I miss her so much and we need to find her.”

Khasha’s daughter Calley Smith said: “I recently had my 18th birthday and didn’t hear anything from my mum. She would never miss my birthday, my sisters’ birthdays, or Christmas.

“It’s just not her. We miss her so much. We want nothing more than my mum to walk through the door and to be able to give her a massive hug. It feels like I’m living the worst dream I could ever imagine.

“I can’t express what it would mean to have my mum home. Even the smallest piece of information might be all we need to find her.

“So I’m asking anyone with any information – please come forward and help the police bring my mum home for me, my sisters and the rest of the family.”

Khasha is around 5ft tall, with a slim build. She has blue eyes and long, blonde hair. She also has tattoos, one which is visible on her right wrist and says ‘Forever’.

She is known to visit the Gorgie, Broomhouse and Wester Hailes areas.

Khasha always maintains contact with her family. However, none of her relatives or her friends have seen, or heard from her, and this is very distressing for them.

Specialist officers are supporting and keeping in close contact with Khasha’s family.

A number of national resources have been used in the search for Khasha including the dog branch, underwater unit and specialist search officers.

Enquiries are ongoing and officers are again appealing for anyone with any information to come forward.

Detective Chief Inspector Bob Williamson said: "Khasha's family are understandably extremely worried about her.

"We have a dedicated team of officers who are working around the clock to find her and get answers for her family.

"While we are keeping an open mind, and continue to hope Khasha will be found safe and well, we have to consider the possibility that she may have to come to harm. We must consider all possibilities.

"Our enquiries are ongoing and a key focus of our investigation is continuing to build up a picture of Khasha's life in the months prior to her disappearance.

"We are keen to speak to any of Khasha's friends who may have information about her whereabouts before the last known confirmed sighting of her on Tuesday, 10 October, 2023.

"It is absolutely vital that we find Khasha and I would again ask anyone with information – no matter how small or insignificant it may seem – to contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident number 3915 of 5 January, 2024."