

Child Abduction in Boynton Beach

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Federal, state and local authorities are coordinating efforts to find a 3-year-old girl abducted in Boynton Beach by her father. The girl, abducted after her father picked her up for a weekend visit, was taken to Mexico, Boynton Beach police said Tuesday.

Jazmin Lopez was picked up [Saturday from her mother's home for what was supposed to be one of her usual one- or two-day visits with her father, Feliz De La Cruz Lopez, 26, police said. But instead of bringing her home, Lopez took the girl somewhere near Tabasco, Mexico, according to police, reported by Andy Reid, Sun Sentinel.](#)

"He basically just stole his own daughter," Sgt. Tom Wallace said. "He has no right to take her."

"The problem we face is ... it's a location in Mexico the size of the area of Florida. It's very difficult narrowing it down," Wallace said.

The girl's mother, Irma Velasquez, 20, called police Monday night to report that Jazmin Lopez had not been returned from a weekend visit with her father.

In phone calls to Velasquez, Lopez said that he took the girl to Mexico and he told Velasquez that "maybe if she prays," something good might happen, Wallace said.

Velasquez spent much of Tuesday with police, talking to investigators and counselors. She and her daughter live just a few blocks from the Police Department, at the town-house-style Pelican Point apartments. Inside the apartment Tuesday, toys sat on the floor and a child gate was open at the base of the stairs.

Christmas lights hung across the street as the neighborhood went on with holiday preparations while Velasquez waited for her daughter.

Mexico and the United States have standing international agreements to return abducted children, Wallace said.

Family Law in Palm Beach County

Family law is an area of law that deals with family-related issues and domestic relations including marriage, divorce, adoption, property settlements, alimony, and parental responsibility orders like child custody, child support and alimony. This category of law has grown dramatically in recent years, as courts and legislators have redefined the definition of marriage, divorce, child custody and child support. It has been in the national spotlight many times lately.

Despite changes made by federal and state lawmakers, family law remains an emotional issue that always evokes passionate feelings from everyone involved. Palm Beach County has several [qualified attorneys](#) who either specialize in family law or incorporate it as part of their practice.

It is difficult to give simple answers to the many complicated questions surrounding family law. Every family is different and every case is unique. Additionally, many of the cases that go before a family court require individual discretion by judges and different rulings are written for different cases.

If you are involved in a family law case, it is important to find a lawyer who has experience in this field. [A Palm Beach County attorney](#) who understands family law will fight for your rights and will also be sensitive to your needs during this very emotional and difficult time in your life.
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