

ONTARIO BLUE JAYS



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TEEN MISSING FROM AJAX IS A MEMBER OF THE ONTARIO BLUE JAYS 17u BASEBALL TEAM

September 27, 2012 – Last Friday, September 21, Mitchell Somerville, 17 of Ajax disappeared from his hometown. The grade 11 student at Pickering High School was seen at school that day and then reportedly seen at different locations later on in the day in the Pickering/Ajax/Whitby areas prior to disappearing without any further contact with his family or friends.

Mitchell is a talented athlete and a member of the Ontario Blue Jays 17 and under baseball team for the 2012-13 season. The Ontario Blue Jays are considered Canada's top amateur baseball program by any measure and compete in the Premier Baseball League of Ontario (PBLO) which is baseball's closest equivalent to the OHL. The Ontario Blue Jays perennially have the most players selected in the Major League Baseball Draft of any team in Canada including 7 this past season. All graduates either go on to professional baseball or on scholarship to a college or university in the United States. The Ontario Blue Jays currently have 10 players on Baseball Canada's Junior National Team. This information is offered only in terms of establishing that Mitchell is a high level student-athlete with an extremely bright future both on and off the field.

Mitchell's family needs the public's help. It is generally believed that there are individuals that are aware of Mitchell's whereabouts or the circumstances of his disappearance. The family and police are appealing that anyone with any information come forward by contacting the Durham Regional Police Service 1-888-579-1520. The lead investigators are Detective Constable Fox (ext. 2531) or Detective Constable Samuels of West Division.

Anonymous information can be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or at www.durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca and tipsters may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

The family has also created a Facebook Page "Find Mitch Somerville" to generate social media interest in their plight and missing child. The Somerville family including parents Joseph Somerville and Deana Lake and siblings Steven and Deborah can be reached through this page or via email at josephsomerville@rogers.com.

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