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Nancy Guthrie search: Family can return to home, search hits 1-month mark

Nancy Guthrie's home outside Tucson will no longer be sealed off as a crime scene, and family can return to it, two federal law enforcement sources told NBC News.

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Networks report Nancy Guthrie's home will be returned to the family

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Savannah Guthrie has not hosted NBC's "Today" show since late January after her mother, Nancy, went missing.



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CNN is reporting that Savannah Guthrie will return to work at "To
to two sources close to the network.

Nancy Guthrie was last seen on Jan. 31. The search for her and for answers to who or what took her from her Arizona home is moving into the fourth week.

Law enforcement agencies have yet to name a suspect, but they are looking for a man seen on surveillance camera outside Guthrie's home wearing a mask and gloves and carrying a backpack.

[In an interview with NBC News on Sunday](#), Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos said authorities are getting closer to identifying the other articles of clothing seen in the doorbell camera video, including shoes, pants, shirt and jacket.

*Here's what to know about the search for Nancy Guthrie on **Day 30 (Monday, March 2)**:*

- Nancy Guthrie was last seen around 9:45 p.m. on Jan. 31 at her Tucson, Arizona, home by a family member.
- The Pima County Sheriff's Office is the responding law enforcement agency and is working alongside the FBI and national agencies. Authorities reported in the morning after Guthrie was last seen that they believe she was kidnapped, abducted or otherwise taken against her will.
- Ring camera footage from Guthrie's home revealed a potential suspect who is a male with an average build and about 5-foot, 9-inches tall. In the video, the FBI says he is wearing a black, 25-liter "Ozark Trail Hiker Pack" backpack.
- Investigators are hoping DNA found on Nancy Guthrie's property can be traced to a specific individual, although it could take weeks for the DNA to be processed. This comes after a glove found two miles from Nancy Guthrie's home did not yield any hits in the FBI's database.
- The FBI is offering a \$202,500 reward for any information that could lead to Guthrie's kidnapper's arrest.
- Deputies said volunteer search groups have asked about being involved. If they can help, they appreciate the community wanting to be involved, they encourage them to do what they need to work.

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Home to be returned to Guthrie's family

According to a report from NBC News, authorities are preparing to turn Nancy Guthrie's Tucson-area home back over to her family, sources say, as the search for her is in its fourth week.

For weeks her home has been the center of a flurry of law enforcement activity — including the recovery of DNA evidence. Activity seen Wednesday is related to efforts to turn the home back over the Guthrie family, two federal law enforcement sources told NBC News.

Officials acknowledged that law enforcement no longer see the need to seal the premises as a crime scene or restrict the family from entering.

\$1 million reward from the Guthrie family

"Today" show host Savannah Guthrie announced on Instagram that her family is offering a \$1 million reward for any information on Nancy Guthrie's disappearance or toward her return.

Savannah said that her family is willing to accept that Nancy may have already passed, but either way, her family needs Nancy to come home.

"We still believe in a miracle. We still believe that she can come home," Savannah said. "We also know that she may be lost, she may already be gone. She may have already gone home to the Lord that she loves, and is dancing in heaven with her mom, and her dad, and with her beloved brother, and with our daddy. And if this is what is to be, then we will accept it. But we need to know [WRAL WeatherCenter Forecast](#) [Watch More](#) ✕"

An Instagram post released Friday by Savannah clarified that the family clarified, "Family reward of up to \$1 million will be paid only for information that meets FBI criteria for payment of its reward in this case."

Report: Suspect approached Guthrie home d

According to a report from CNN, the masked person seen on the doorbell camera footage of 84-year-old Nancy Guthrie's home the morning she is believed to have been kidnapped was also at her doorstep on another night, a source tells CNN.

The photos and video of the masked person on Guthrie's doorstep — released by the FBI on Feb. 10 — were taken on two different days, rather than just on Feb. 1, when authorities believe she was abducted, the source said. That's because the masked suspect is not wearing a backpack in one of them, according to the source.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department declined to comment and referred CNN to the FBI.

Don't call with thoughts and opinions

NBC News reported that the 911 communications center fielding tips has been swamped with calls. But many of those calls are not from people seeking to provide potentially actionable leads, said Cecila Ochoa, dispatch manager for the Pima County Sheriff's Department. They're from people who want to share theories, premonitions and opinions, she said.

"If you're thinking about calling in a tip or a lead or if you have specific information regarding the case, I ask that you take a moment and think — is this tip viable, is it credible?" she said. "What we don't want are the opinions and the thoughts and kind of wondering, are investigators doing A, B, C and D."

In the first 18 days of February 2025, the department said, there were 20,808 calls. In the same time period this year, there were 31,608. More than 23,000 of those calls were administrative, including calls to the non-emergency line, the department said. The rest were 911 calls.

Did suspect have an accomplice?

Authorities said that they have not ruled out the possibility that more than one suspect was involved in Guthrie's disappearance.



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Trump criticizes investigators

President Donald Trump criticized investigators working on Guthrie's case for releasing information that they are using a helicopter equipped with an FBI Bluetooth "sniffer" that could detect Guthrie's pacemaker.

Fox News reported that Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One on Thursday, "I didn't like when they talked about going after the pacemaker before they even started going after it."

"If in fact they could do it that way, the person would say, 'Well, I'm not going to let that happen' ... I can't imagine why they would have done that, just in terms of strategy" [WRAL WeatherCenter Forecas](#) × [Watch More](#)

Authorities turn to genetic genealogy

right now as investigators turn to genetic genealogy in their latest update on their search for Guthrie.

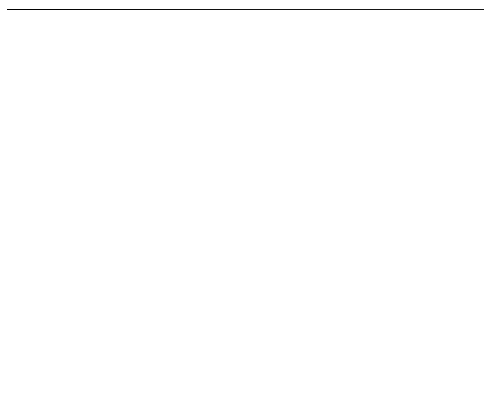
After finding some DNA at her home, investigators are running more tests using genetic genealogy, which has previously successfully identified other high-profile criminals like the Golden State Killer and University of Idaho murderer Brian Kohberger.

NBC News reports that authorities are not allowed to use genealogy sites such as Ancestry.com or 23andMe, and will have to rely on publicly available DNA databases to test the DNA. Moore noted that the process may take a while.

Reward to find Nancy Guthrie increases to \$202,500

Authorities on Wednesday announced the reward to find Nancy Guthrie has increased to \$202,500. The Pima County Sheriff's Department said someone anonymously donated \$102,500 in addition to the FBI's \$100,000.

Polygraph testing underway at sheriff's department in Arizona



Polygraph testing was being done at the Pima County Sheriff's Department in Arizona.

It's unclear who is being tested or if it's related to Nancy Guthrie'

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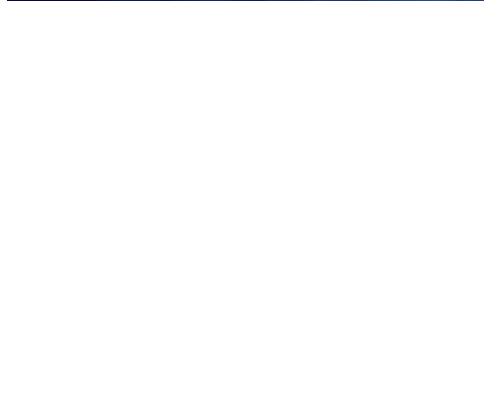
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Search for new leads as investigation reaches

Investigators say they are still working to find Guthrie's pacemaker

There have been between 40,000 and 50,000 leads between the sheriff's office and FBI in the Guthrie investigation, Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos told NBC affiliate [KVOA of Tucson](#).

NBC News reported that more than 1,600 tips have come through the local tip line set up by Pima County, according to the chief of detectives at the Pima County Attorney's Office. He added that in two weeks, this case has generated the most tips the line has received, and that this case is also one of the most complex cases investigators have handled.



NBC News also reports that investigators are now looking into a unique holster that the suspect was wearing the night that Nancy Guthrie was taken. Investigators say they are looking to gun stores to try and match the holster.

"We know he had a gun. We know he had a holster that had some pretty unique characteristics," Nanos said in an interview with NBC News.

NBC News also reported investigators believe the person could have been wearing a ring the night of the disappearance based on a photo being analyzed by Pima County Sheriff Office.

Investigators analyzing DNA on glove found nearby

According to the FBI, gloves found two miles from Guthrie's home initially appeared to match those worn by the man captured in doorbell camera footage on the morning she disappeared.

The gloves are undergoing DNA analysis. NBC News reported that investigators with the sheriff's office said the DNA found on the gloves did not match any DNA already listed in the FBI's database.



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The department said, "At this point, there have been no confirmed leads in this investigation."

Authorities now say investigators are turning to genealogical databases to try to identify the DNA found in a glove near Guthrie's home, according to FOX News.

The department noted that the DNA process takes time and that additional DNA evidence found at the residence is still being analyzed.

"This glove could be very promising, but we have to caveat that a little bit," said Jason Pack, a retired FBI supervisory special agent and hostage negotiator. "Yes, it has male DNA apparently on it, but we don't know if it's the same DNA that's inside that house."

DNA was also found on the property that did not belong to Nancy Guthrie or someone close to her, according to the sheriff. Investigators are still working to determine who it belongs to.

Investigators are using different tactics to locate Nancy Guthrie, canvassing local gun stores and using her pacemaker to try to track her down.

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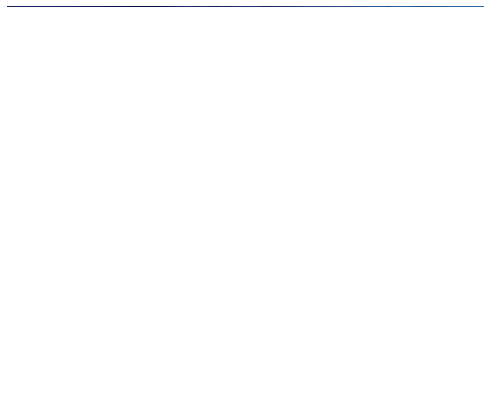
Guthrie family cleared as possible suspects

The Pima County Sheriff's Department said it had cleared all of Savannah Guthrie's siblings and their spouses, of suspicion.

"The Guthrie family, to include all siblings and spouses, has been cleared as possible suspects in this case," [Sheriff Chris Nanos posted to X](#). "The Guthrie family are victims plain and simple. To suggest otherwise is not only wrong, it is cruel."

Nanos told "Today" he cleared the family because "kindness matters" and it is his duty to be a voice for the victims. His statement was a direct response to a so-called army of "armchair detectives" or internet sleuths who have taken an interest in the case and made inaccurate theories about Nancy Guthrie's disappearance.

Until now, the sheriff has been reluctant to rule out anyone, since there is still no suspect, but Nanos told NBC News he did it because "sometimes we forget we're human and we hurt ... I'm not going to sit in silence when others are attacking the innocent."



Person on doorbell video may have been wearing clothes from Walmart

The person seen in surveillance video outside Guthrie's home the morning she disappeared may have worn clothing purchased at Walmart, the Pima County Sheriff's Department said.

The clothing is not exclusively sold at Walmart, the department's statement added.

"This remains a possibility only," the statement said.

When asked about this possibility, Nanos said that the only article the person was wearing that investigators have identified as definitely purchased from Walmart is the backpack, which is exclusively sold by Walmart.

Nanos also said investigators are working with Walmart management on potential leads.

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Savannah Guthrie posts videos on social media

"Today" show host posted a video on her Instagram account after two weeks since her mother was taken from her Tucson, Arizona, home.

"It's been two weeks since our mom was taken, and I just wanted to say that we still have hope," Guthrie said.

Guthrie appeared to issue an appeal to whoever abducted her mother or anyone who knows where she is being kept. "It is never too late to do the right thing," Guthrie said. "And we are here. And we believe in the essential goodness of every human being, that it's never too late."

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A post shared by Savannah Guthrie (@savannahguthrie)

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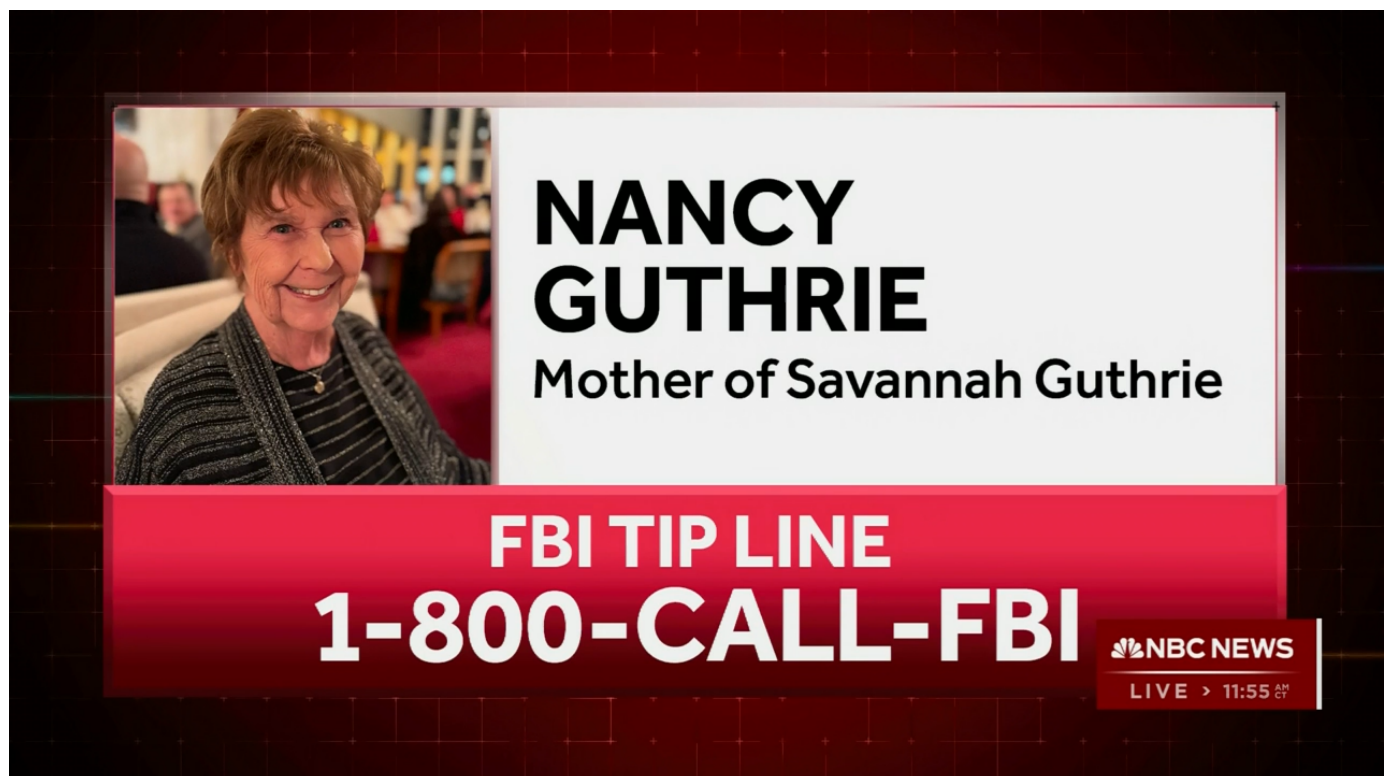


The discovery was revealed days after investigators had released surveillance videos of the masked person outside Guthrie's front door. A porch camera recorded video of a person with a backpack who was wearing a ski mask, long pants, jacket and gloves.

The FBI called the person a suspect. It described him as a man about 5 feet, 9 inches tall with a medium build. The agency said he was carrying a 25-liter "Ozark Trail Hiker Pack" backpack.

Authorities have expressed concern about Nancy Guthrie's health because she needs vital daily medicine. She is said to have a pacemaker and have dealt with high blood pressure and heart issues, according to sheriff's dispatcher audio on broadcastify.com.

Earlier in the investigation, authorities had said they had collected DNA from Nancy Guthrie's property which doesn't belong to Guthrie or those in close contact with her. Investigators were working to identify who it belongs to.

A graphic from NBC News featuring a portrait of Nancy Guthrie on the left. To the right of the portrait, the text reads "NANCY GUTHRIE" in large bold letters, followed by "Mother of Savannah Guthrie" in a smaller font. Below this, a red banner contains the text "FBI TIP LINE" and "1-800-CALL-FBI" in white. In the bottom right corner, the NBC News logo is displayed along with "LIVE > 11:55 AM".

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Here is a timeline of events:

Saturday, Jan. 31

5:32 p.m. — Nancy Guthrie takes an Uber to her family's home for dinner.

9:48 p.m. — Guthrie is dropped off at her Tucson, Arizona, home by a family member. The garage door opens and closes minutes later.

Sunday, Feb. 1

1:47 a.m. — The doorbell camera is disconnected.

2:12 a.m. — The camera's software detects movement. Investigators initially said that there was no video available since Guthrie didn't have an active subscription to the company. But digital forensics experts kept working to find images in backend software that might've been lost, corrupted or inaccessible.



2:28 a.m. — Her pacemaker app disconnects from her phone.

11:56 a.m. — Her family checks on her after learning she did not attend church.

12:03 p.m. — The family calls 911 to report a missing person.

12:15 p.m. — Investigators arrive and launch a search operation, including the use of drones and search dogs.

6:46 p.m. — The Pima County Sheriff's Department posts on social media to announce Guthrie's disappearance.

Monday, Feb. 2

Authorities announce in the morning that they believe Guthrie was taken against her will. Savannah Guthrie posts a message on Instagram

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Tuesday, Feb. 3

A person familiar with the investigation tells The Associated Press that investigators found signs of forced entry at Nancy Guthrie's home.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Savannah Guthrie posts a video on social media in which she tells her mother's kidnapper that her family is ready to talk but wants proof their mom is alive.

Thursday, Feb. 5

Officials reveal that a DNA test of blood found on the home's front porch showed it came from Nancy Guthrie.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Savannah Guthrie releases another video on social media directly engaging with her mother's potential abductors and saying, "We will pay."

Monday, Feb. 9

Savannah Guthrie posts again to Instagram, saying her family is at an "hour of desperation" and they believe Nancy Guthrie is still out there.

Tuesday, Feb. 10



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The FBI says it managed to recover doorbell camera video of what it described as an armed person tampering with a camera at Guthrie's front door.

Video showed the person wearing a backpack and ski mask with holes for the eyes and mouth. The person tries to cover a camera near the front door with their gloved hand before ripping out a plant from the yard to block the camera's view.

Later, the Pima County sheriff's department says a person was detained for questioning during a traffic stop south of Tucson. The man is released. He tells reporters that he made deliveries in the Tucson area.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Authorities confirm the man detained a day earlier was released but did not say what led them to stop him or conduct the search.

FBI agents and Pima County sheriff's deputies knocked on doors and searched the desert terrain in the neighborhoods surrounding the homes of Nancy Guthrie and her oldest daughter, Annie Guthrie, whom she had visited just hours before disappearing.

Thursday, Feb. 12

The FBI describes the person who was seen in surveillance video as missing as a male with an average build and about 5-foot, 9-inch wearing a black, 25-liter "Ozark Trail Hiker Pack" backpack.

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Friday, Feb. 13

The FBI says a glove found within miles of Guthrie's home that appears to match the glove worn by the man in that video.

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Fact-checking conspiracy theory about Savannah Guthrie's husband, Epstein files

Multiple X posts claim that a company founded Savannah Guthrie's husband, Michael Feldman, "is listed as a co conspirator in the Epstein files."



Man questioned about Nancy Guthrie's disappearance says he was released

Authorities investigating the disappearance of Nancy Guthrie detained a man in Arizona who says he was questioned for hours Tuesday night before being released. The man told several media outlets that he had nothing to do with last week's disappearance of Guthrie, the 84-year-old mother of "Today..."



Nancy Guthrie kidnapping brings Wake County residents deja vu of Frank Janssen disappearance

As the nation follows the disappearance of Nancy Guthrie, who was abducted from her Tucson, Arizona home nearly two weeks ago, the case is bringing back memories of another high-profile kidnapping nearly 12 years earlier that brought the FBI to the Triangle.



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