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The ransom note was sent to newsrooms across the city, stamped with a deadline of 5 p.m. Thursday.

By the time the FBI stepped up to the microphones that afternoon, the room was thick with unease. Special Agent Heith Janke delivered the details. The note's writer had set a second deadline for Monday. He wouldn't say more.

What the notes lacked was even more haunting.

No proof of life.

No instructions.

No way to talk to whoever was pulling the strings.

Just demands.

A reporter asked whether the FBI had helped Savannah Guthrie and her siblings about the video plea they'd released the night before. The family was being advised, he said, but the choices were theirs.

Nancy Guthrie had vanished over the weekend. Authorities believed she'd been taken against her will, but they didn't know by whom—or how many. One person had been arrested, but only for sending a fake ransom note.

Nancy, a mother of three, was last seen around 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, at her Tucson home. When she didn't show up to church the next morning, her family called police.

Inside the house, deputies found "very concerning" conditions, enough to turn the place into a crime scene. On Thursday, Sheriff Chris Nanos confirmed what everyone had feared but no one wanted to say aloud: blood on the porch, and it belonged to Nancy.

Still, the sheriff clung to hope.

"We have nothing else to go on but the belief that she is here," he told NBC's Liz Kreutz. "She's present. She's alive, and we want to save her."

Savannah Guthrie has stayed in Arizona hoping the phone will ring. In a statement read on Today, she thanked the public for their support and said the family's focus hadn't wavered, "Bring their mother home.

The FBI is urging anyone with information to call 1-800-CALL-FBI or the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

<https://people.com/nancy-guthrie-ransom-note-deadline-11899556>