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'He was murdered' | Lincoln Co. mother hosts vigil for others missing relatives



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A Kentucky mother whose son has been missing for three years is hosting an event for other families who are also looking for answers.

Michael Gorley was last seen off Knob Lick Road in Lincoln County. Sandra Hasty doesn't know where he is but she's certain of what happened that day in May 2015.

"He was murdered," Gorley's mother said.

After years of false leads, Hasty turned to others for support and guidance. In their stories, she says she found out there are many people just like her.

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Hasty says there are more than 240 cases of missing person cases or unsolved murder cases in her immediate area of Lincoln, Garrard and Boyle counties. That's why Hasty hired a private investigator to help find her son.

Michael Ward says he has nearly a half-dozen cases in central Kentucky alone.

"We know that they all have common denominators," Ward said. "Certain things they all have in common. Places they frequent, those they hang around with."

Ward says police are often overwhelmed with cases. But he thinks most missing person cases involve crimes.

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"The problem is it's a network of all the same people," Ward said. "They have this creed among them that no one talks. It's what's done is done. All in the name of business."

Ward and Hasty are hosting a vigil Saturday afternoon to draw on the support of others and hoping the attention results in some answers.

"It's going to be bittersweet," Hasty said. "Families are going to be able to light candles for their loved ones. Send up a sky lantern, weather permitting, and let people talk about whatever they want to talk about."

The vigil will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday at Delmar Garden Club on Short Acres Road in Stanford.

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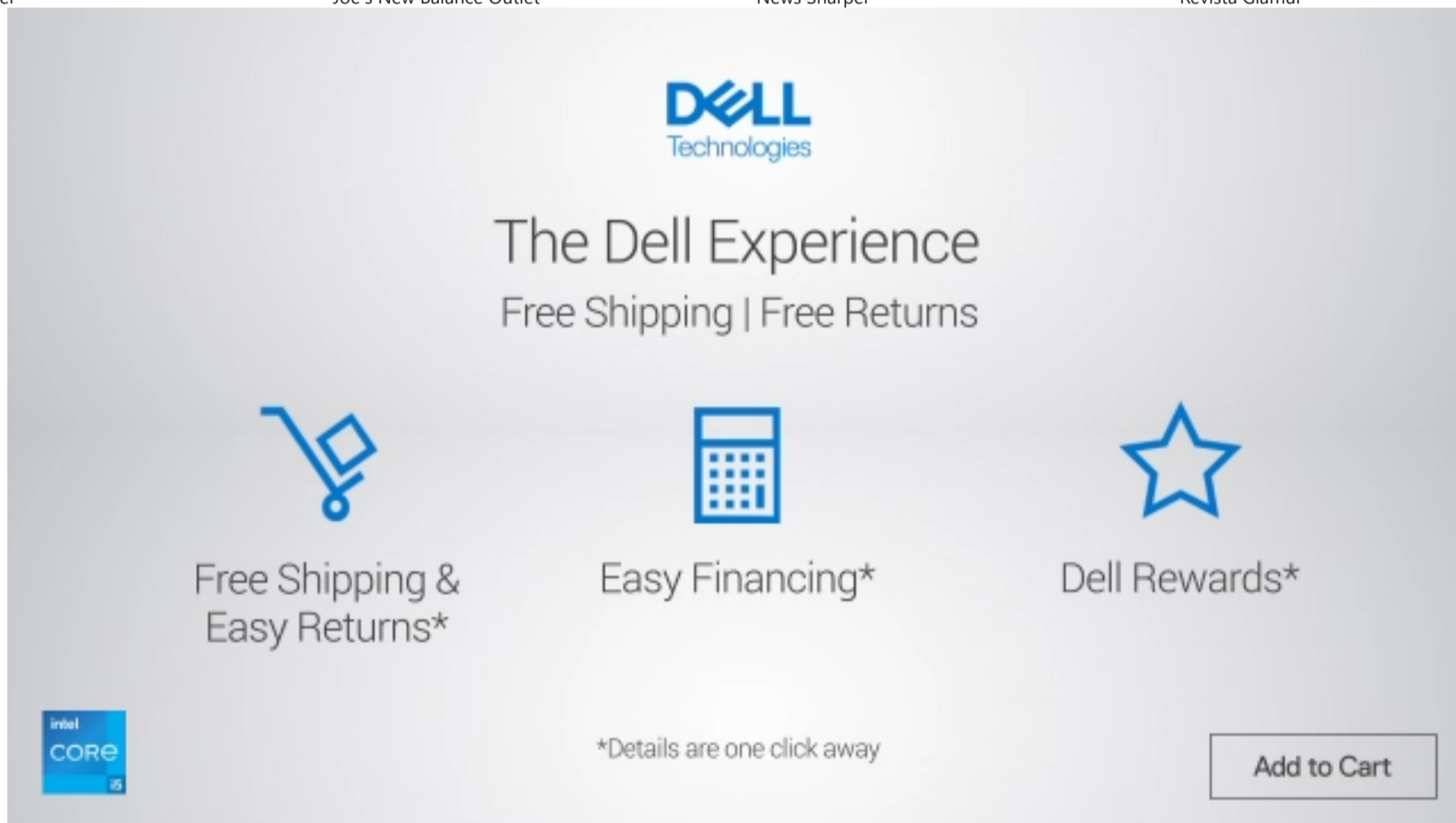
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