

The Disappearance of

BESO

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Lucin, Utah

Dylan Rounds



Timeline

REVISED 7/7/22

April 2022

- A disagreement takes place between Dylan and Don, a family friend who helps out on the farm at times. Don was questioning Dylan's decision to work on a washing machine before a pump, and the result was Dylan and Don mutually decided to part company. *(DutyRon Interview 6/14)*



Wednesday, May 25th

- Dylan tells his mother about a strange encounter with "some guy" who was barefoot and bloody along the roadside who wanted a ride to Montello. This person was later identified as Chase Venstra, *(DutyRon Interview 6/14/22)*

Thursday, May 26th

- ECSO verified that Dylan was in Montello via bank account usage. *(ECSO Press Release 6/9/2022)*

Thursday, May 26th

- Dylan's last phone call with both Mom & Dad. *(Nate Eaton 6/14/22)*

Friday, May 27th

- Eyewitness (unconfirmed) sighting of Dylan in Montello. *(Information relayed from police to the family, but with changing stories can not be reliable.)*





Saturday, May 28th

- 6:51am A phone call took place between Dylan and his grandma. He told his grandma he had to get his grain truck put away in the shop/shed. (at a location 5 miles west of his farm) to keep it away from the rain and he would call her back. ECSO confirmed via cell phone data he was at or near his farm in Lucin for this phone call. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)
- 2:41pm ECSO released the last cell phone data (ping from an app) that came from Dylan's phone at or near his farm. (*DutyRon interview 6/14/22*)

- 10:00 pm (approximately) Chase Venstra seen on camera 200 miles away from Lucin. (*Candice on SleuthMom interview 6/13/22*)

Sunday, May 29th

- Dylan had not called his grandma back so she called Don (a person who had worked for Dylan on the farm and a family friend) to check on him since he wasn't answering her phone calls. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)
- Don and Jim (farm helpers) go to Dylan's farm and look for him but he is no where. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)





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Monday, May 30th

- Don and Jim have not been able to locate Dylan so they let Grandma know.
- Grandma reaches out to JD, (Dylan's best friend) to see if he had heard from him.
- 11:00am He had not heard from Dylan, so JD reached out to Dylan's mother to see if she had heard from him. She called around to other family members and no one had spoken with him. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)
- Dylan's parents drive to the farm to see if they can figure out where Dylan is. A missing person report is filed by Candice with BESO during the drive down.
- They arrive to find the seed truck had been put in the shed, Dylan's truck was at his trailer and it had been pressure washed, the seat position had been moved very far forward to accommodate a shorter person and there were no tracks or footprints. (*Nancy Grace Interview 6/13/22*)
- 90 minutes into the missing person report and search of the area, BESO SAR locates Dylan's boots tossed behind a pile of dirt 100 yards south from where the grain truck is located. BESO SAR takes the boots and places them in their patrol vehicle. Boots would not be sent to the lab until a week later. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)



Tuesday, May 31st

- Family received a call from a citizen of Montello, Kurt (who used to work for Dylan) stating Dylan was being held in a specific location by Chase and another gentleman in Montello, NV. ECSO sent out 6 deputies but he was not there and they searched the entire property. *(Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22, also confirmed by ECSO press release dated 6/9/22)*
- **Key FOB to Dylan's pickup truck was returned to Dylan's camp trailer by an unknown person while the family was in Montello responding to the above mentioned incident.**



Search Week #1 (5/30-6/4)

- Searches in the area took place by BESO along with Weber County Fire and Rescue with helicopters, an airplane, ATV's, horses, on foot search parties and cadaver dogs. After 6 hours BESO called off the search that day because they were 99% sure he wasn't in the 3x5 mile area search radius. *(6/7 Fox13 News Interview with Justin Rounds)*
- 200-300 search volunteers of all types searching on the Utah side including 5 private air searches until they ran out of fuel. *(Candice from SleuthMom 6/13/22 and DutyRon 6/14/22)*
- Diesel Brothers: Searched with their helicopters and took video footage of the tires tracks in the wash that later ended up being from a volunteer's truck who had been searching for Dylan.
- The pond at Dylan's farm was drained and searched. *(Duty Ron Interview 6/14/22)*



Thursday, June 2nd

- Family is told they found a drop of blood on the boots. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)
- Saturday, June 4th Chase Venstra was arrested in Davis County, UT on unrelated charges and remains in custody. (*Davis County Sheriff Website*)



Sunday June 5th

- Family was given permission by BESO to take the pickup truck from the farm without any fingerprinting or forensic investigation. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)



Monday, June 6th

- Dylan's boots are finally logged into the police lab. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)

Friday, June 10th

- Candice met with ECSO for almost 5 hours and they went through the case from top to bottom, and agreed to offer additional resources for search.. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)



Search Week #2 (6/5-6/11)

- Organized search looking for a particular bunker and it was found and cleared. Other areas of interest were also searched by all means available to ECSO and public volunteers. *(Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22)*

Tuesday, June 14

- Bonneville County, Idaho took Dylan's pickup truck into custody. *(Candice, personally verified)*

Wednesday, June 15th

- Investigation classified as criminal investigation and FBI has officially become involved in the investigation. *(BESO Press Release 6/15)*

Saturday, June 18th

- Both of Dylan's campers were taken into police custody. *(Candice, personally verified)*



Search Week #3 (6/12-6/18) and #4 (6/19-6/25) and #5 (6/28 - 7/2)

- No public search was held the weekend of 6/18 and 6/19 to allow for law enforcement and Equusearch to conduct their activities without interference. Equusearch had drone operators out in the area. *(Confirmed by Twila in private communication 6/18)*



Pilot Range Mine and Cave Search

Friday, June 24

- About 18 mines or caves were searched thoroughly as could be done safely.



6/28/2022

Reward Increased to \$100k

For any information directly leading to the safe return or arrest and conviction of any person/s responsible for the disappearance of Dylan Rounds.

Thursday, June 16

- Law Enforcement served a search warrant on Brenner's trailer.
- "During that search, ball ammunition, ignition caps, black powder, and speed loads, all related to 'muzzle loading' were located and photographed in the trailer, but the items were not seized at this time," according to the charges.

Tuesday, June 21

- Officers went back to Brenner's trailer with another search warrant and more ammunition, a muzzle loader, black powder and ignition caps were seized, the charges state.

Thursday, June 23

- James Brenner was charged in 1st District Court with three counts of being a restricted person in possession of a firearm, a third-degree felony.

Thursday, June 30

- James Brenner, 58, was charged in the U.S. District Court of Utah with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Thursday, July 7

- In a joint press release BESO and the FBI name James Brenner as a suspect in the disappearance of Dylan Rounds.



James "Jim" Brenner



BOX ELDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Joint Press Release

DATE: 7/7/22

INCIDENT: Dylan Rounds - Missing Person/Criminal Investigation Update

During the course of this investigation, multiple persons have been interviewed by the Box Elder County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, and other assisting agencies. Multiple arrests have been made for unrelated warrants and crimes that have been discovered during this process.

When Dylan Rounds was not located early on in the search effort, the investigation focused on the possibility of Dylan being the victim of a crime. The current totality of information gathered from the many interviews and searches, along with the analysis of both physical evidence and forensic data, has identified James Brenner as a suspect. Brenner is currently being held in the Weber County Jail on unrelated federal firearm charges. No criminal charges have been filed specifically regarding the Dylan Rounds case. This investigation is not complete and remains active. Law enforcement investigators are continuing to work to locate Dylan and find answers. At this time no further information or comment related to this criminal investigation will be released.

As we've stated before, if you have knowledge regarding the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Dylan Rounds, call the Box Elder County Sheriff's Office. Our 24/7 Dispatch non-emergency phone numbers are 435-723-5227, 435-734-3894, and 435-257-3131. You can also send private messages through The Box Elder County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

RELEASED BY - Chief Deputy Cade Palmer

SOURCE: <https://www.ksl.com/article/50432787/man-who-lived-near-missing-box-elder-man-charged-with-federal-gun-crime?>

Jim's Trailer



Friday, July 6, 2022

- **Chase Venstra** currently being held on unrelated charges out of Montana was charged today with federal weapons charges stemming from a search warrant executed 6/12/2022 for an active homicide investigation. Chase has not been made a suspect in the disappearance of Dylan Rounds at this time. What the homicide investigation is the court documents refer to, is unknown.

Friday, July 8, 2022

- **Court Hearing: Chase Venstra** will continue to be held in Utah. Montana failed to collect him in the 30 days, the court will revisit extradition on August 12 at 9am, but since he has federal weapons charges and the initial appearance is on July 19th, it's unlikely Montana will make any more effort to get custody of him than the last time.
- **Court Hearing: James Brenner** No bail. tentative trial date set for September 12th on the federal weapons charges, expect delays, it almost always happens with serious charges.



Search Week #6 (7/3 - 7/9) to present

- The law enforcement investigation into the disappearance of Dylan Rounds is ongoing. Law enforcement continues to be in the Lucin area. At this time there are no organized searches planned for members of the public to participate in that are supported or authorized by law enforcement. We are asking the public to not search the area, as it has the potential to compromise the investigation. *(BESO Press Release 7/6/22)*



Monday, August 1, 2022

- Additional mines and caves were searched as thoroughly as could be done safely in Pilot Range.





August 1, 2022 DYLAN'S 20TH BIRTHDAY

Dylan's family payed tribute to Dylan by sending out black eyed susan seeds nationwide and members of the facebook group took part in 'Sowing a Seed For Dylan'.



August 4, 2022

- Billboard is in Elko, NV on 1-80 facing West for East bound traffic.





August 15, 2022

- **Box Elder County Sheriff's Office had sent a request to Elko County Sheriff's Office to execute a warrant on the Nevada property of James Brenner. This request was denied for probable cause. Elko County Sheriff's Office conducted an independent investigation to obtain enough information for probable cause. That Elko County warrant was signed Friday, August 12, 2022 to be executed Monday August 15, 2022. The family was never informed by BESO they ever requested the warrant and were told this property was of 'no concern'.**



Elko County Sheriff's Office

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Dylan Rounds update August 2022

Dylan Rounds – Update

Elko, Nevada, August 15, 2022 – The Elko County Sheriff's Office assisted the Box Elder County Sheriff's Office with the application of a search warrant and service of the search warrant. The search warrant was for a parcel of land in Nevada owned by James Brenner. The Box Elder County Sheriff's Office has named Brenner as a suspect in the disappearance of Rounds.

Personnel from the Elko County Sheriff's Office, Box Elder Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue used advanced searching methods, which included cadaver dogs, drones, and archaeological excavation procedures to process Brenner's property in hopes to locate information that would lead to the location of Dylan Rounds.

No items of interest or evidence was discovered on the property during the search.

Please contact the Box Elder County Sheriff's Office with any further questions about the investigation.