

The Disappearance of

BESO

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ECSO

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Lucin, Utah

Dylan Rounds



Timeline

REVISED 10/30/2022

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*)

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) tell Grandma they go to Dylan's farm and look for him but he is no where around. (*Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22*)
- **NEWLY RELEASED INFORMATION:** At some point this day James Brenner walked his horse to the train tracks. The horse took off one way and Brenner went the other way. Union Pacific has been contacted to be on the lookout for anything suspicious. (*Umm NO Thanks podcast, 10/11/22*)
- 10:00 pm (approximately) Chase Venstra seen on camera 200 miles away from Lucin. (*Candice on SleuthMom interview 6/13/22*)



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. The boots are dry and not covered in dust or dirt. They have a dark spot on them that is assumed to be hydraulic oil. 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 and Umm NO Thank broadcast 10/12/22)*

**Tuesday, May 31st**

- **BESO denies the families request to bring in bloodhounds to search the property. Family breeds bloodhounds and could easily set this up.**

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. This event occurred immediately after the \$20k reward had been announced. *(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. *(Um NO Thanks podcast 10/11/22)***





Wednesday, June 1st

- **(AM) Dylan's pistol was returned to the camp trailer by an unknown person. It was found in the bathroom on the counter with the clip removed, sitting next to it. The bathroom had been cleaned up the day before and lysol wipes placed on the counter where the gun was found, so there is no possibly way it had been overlooked the past 2 days. (Um NO Thanks podcast 10/11/22)**

Thursday, June 2nd

- **Family is told they found a drop of blood on the boots. (Boots had not even been to the lab yet.) (Nancy Grace interview 6/13/22)**

Friday, June 3rd

- **NEWLY RELEASED INFORMATION: Brenner "spring cleans" the shed as Box Elder County Sheriff's watch him remove bags of possible evidence. (Um NO Thanks podcast 10/11/22)**
- **Family asks BECSO, "When do I call for a public search?" and is told "Now would be the time."**

Saturday, June 4th

- **Chase Venstra was arrested in Davis County, UT on unrelated charges and remains in custody. (Davis County Sheriff Website)**



Stock photo of the exact brand (Georgia) and style of Dylan's boots.

- 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 Friday because they were 99% sure he wasn't in the 3x5 mile area search radius. (6/7 Fox13 News Interview with Justin Rounds)
- Saturday, with no help from BESO 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)

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) **This resulted in all the data the truck had being lost because it only records and saves the last 100 miles. (Umm No Thanks Broadcast 10/12/22)**



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 by a trained team who choose to remain anonymous.



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.

Saturday, June 18

- **NEWLY RELEASED INFORMATION:** Dylan's cellphone was found at the Lucin pond by BESO S&R. (Umm NO Thanks Broadcast, 10/11/22)

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

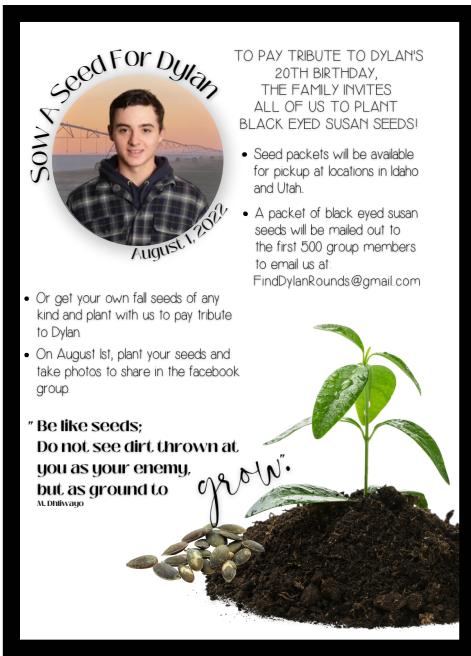
- **The law enforcement investigation into the disappearance of Dylan Rounds is ongoing. Law enforcement continues to be in the Lucin area. At this time there are no organized searches planned for members of the public to participate in that are supported or authorized by law enforcement. We are asking 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 by a trained team who choose to remain anonymous.**





SOW A Seed For Dylan
August 1, 2022

TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DYLAN'S 20TH BIRTHDAY, THE FAMILY INVITES ALL OF US TO PLANT BLACK EYED SUSAN SEEDS!

- Seed packets will be available for pickup at locations in Idaho and Utah.
- A packet of black eyed susan seeds will be mailed out to the first 500 group members to email us at FindDylanRounds@gmail.com

• Or get your own fall seeds of any kind and plant with us to pay tribute to Dylan

• On August 1st, plant your seeds and take photos to share in the facebook group

"Be like seeds: Do not see dirt thrown at you as your enemy, but as ground to grow."

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.



Criminal Investigation MISSING PERSON

Dylan Rounds
Lucin, Utah

\$100,000 REWARD

#FindDylanRounds

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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.



October 6, 2022

Heavy D Sparks met with Justin and Candice at the shed property to fly a specialty drone for Equusearch Midwest.



- **They interviewed inside the shed where Dylan would park his grain truck to get it out of the rain. You can watch the interview on Heavy D's YouTube Channel**

10/10/2022

Reward Increased to \$200k

For any information directly leading to the safe return or arrest and conviction of any person/s responsible for the disappearance of Dylan Rounds.
Special Thanks to Heavy D Sparks and Diesel Brothers for matching the family funded reward of \$100k, for a total reward of \$200k.



DYLAN ROUNDS
Missing
SINCE 5/28/2022 FROM LUCIN, UTAH

Age: 20
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 160 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown

**\$200,000
Reward**

FOR INFORMATION DIRECTLY LEADING TO THE SAFE RETURN OR ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE OF DYLAN ROUNDS.

Special Thanks
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Missing In America Network logo

Flyer Created 10/7/22 by MissingInAmericaNetwork.com

For More Information



October 12, 2022 UPDATE FROM CANDICE via Um No Thanks Investigates YouTube discussing never before released information.

- **Dylan's pistol was returned by an unknown person to his camp trailer on June 1st. It was located in the bathroom on a previously cleaned counter top. The key FOB was found in the same exact spot the next day (June 2nd).**
- **No DNA was found in/on Dylan's pickup, the grain truck, the key fob or the pistol and clip.**
- **Dylan's phone was found on June 18th in Lucin pond by BESO Search & Rescue.**
- **James Brenner has been calling members of the Rounds/Cooley family from jail. He has had conversations with Justin and Karen Rounds declaring his innocence.**
- **James Brenner's DNA was found on Dylan's boots (found behind the dirt mound on the shed property). James Brenner has admitted to putting the boots behind the dirt pile. He said he found them near the shed.**
- **Phone pings of Robert Aviles and Chase Venstra show they were no where near Dylan's farm or the shed property on May 28th, the day he disappeared. Chase was seen on video surveillance Sat 5/28 at the Flying J in Snowville, UT and later that day in Clinton, UT at a KFC.**
- **On June 2nd, James Brenner did some "spring cleaning" in the shed as BESO watched him remove 4-5 garbage bags of potential evidence. If you have seen images of the shed you will clearly see significant mess that was not cleaned up as part of his "spring cleaning".**
- **When BESO allowed the family to take Dylan's pickup and drive it, they lost any data that was stored in the trucks system. It is only recorded and saved for the last 100 miles.**
- **Evidence was present that James Brenner walked his horse from the shed property to the railroad tracks during the time period Dylan went missing (5/28-5/29) and then his horse went one direction and he went the other.**
- **May 31st. BESO declined approval for blood hounds to come search the shed property. The family had been in contact with resources to get them out there and they were ready to bring a team.**





Week of 10/30/2022 Equusearch Midwest joins in on the onsite search for Dylan.



You can see in the photos provided, they searched mines and washes for any sign of Dylan or clues to what happened. MOB Crew flew drones and a group of cadaver dogs were out searching as well.





December 2022

- Box Elder County turned off the water supply to Lucin Pond.



January 23, 2023

- Box Elder County went out with an excavator breaking up ice chunks and searching the pond. No new evidence was found during the search.