

May 8, 2023

Dear Sheriff Ian Parkinson and San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office,

Tomorrow will mark four months since Kyle's disappearance. It has been a very long four months. We have tried everything from learning as much as possible over a large range of topics including, but not limited to the speed of water currents, geographical obstacles, travel of odor in the water, the differences between scent dogs and HRD cadavers....the list is continuous. Despite our efforts to learn as much as we can to guide us to Kyle's precise location, we have been unsuccessful.

During this journey, we remained patient with the governor's office, Office of Emergency Services, and most of all with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office. We were assigned to Sergeant Norris as a point of contact, who seemingly serves in a community/family liaison capacity. During our meeting in late March, you stated that a search is being planned, but there was no date set. This was shortly after our K9 team left and right before you sent out your own K9 unit, who had similar hits. Sergeant Norris gave us the impression that the findings were of interest, but later claimed that only one dog had a "hard hit" and the others gave "soft hits". We gave the sheriff's office a generous amount of time and was consistently told by both you and Sergeant Norris that the water tables are still too high, conditions are being monitored, a date is not being set and you weren't sure when the next search was going to take place, but it was going to consist of a large search effort. However, these communications were inconsistent and a lack of updates was given. We are left to believe that we're playing a game of chess while waiting beyond the time limit that the game allows.

While you reportedly "monitored conditions", we also did our own monitoring and in April, we felt that conditions were good enough to begin digging again. With the help of an experienced operator and a small team, we discussed what the area required and dug it up ourselves. We were successful with pumping the area out to make the area suitable for digging and found nothing, but couldn't help continuing to ask "Where are the sheriffs?" You're definitely not out here.

We're done waiting. We recently had a discussion with Sergeant Norris and while he's giving us the impression that a search may be in the works, you've lost our trust. We don't trust a whole lot of what you say anymore. We've been led around for so long that our faith in the sheriffs has dwindled. Communication efforts are nonexistent unless we make the first text. I can't make a physical phone call to sergeant or the SLO Sheriffs anymore because I want evidence that the discussion took place. Sergeant claims that you "are absolutely willing to work with [us]. [You] want to work with [us] and [you] want to find Kyle sooner rather than later." However, similar to Governor Newsom, this means nothing to us because there has been no effort thus far since early February. We don't receive any notifications about your efforts until it happens. We've made excuses for you, attempted to play nice by eliminating comments, knowing that some of the sheriff's team is following Kyle's page and trying to prevent negative comments from being directed to you. A lot of your words are just that...words. They are empty words and promises, nothing more.

During our meeting in late March, Sheriff Ian Parkinson made an insulting comment. He stated "We can't look for Kyle 24/7". The discussion at that point became pretty heated because Brian was angry with the lack of effort that was being done and I had to be the person to step down to calm Brian down. I agreed with what Brian said. We never expected the sheriffs to be out there 24/7, but we did expect your department to keep us updated by summarizing your future efforts or even direct us to areas that we can search. You weren't out there weekly. We didn't expect you out there every day, but we expected some sort of actual searching on the ground. You stopped physical searches in the beginning of February. We were given the impression that the creek was cleared. Until our K-9 team came in and stated otherwise. The part of the creek

that is now of interest was completely dried towards middle-late February. It is a fact. We know. We kept walking the entire creek because something told us that Kyle was still there. Sergeant claimed the creek was cleared. Yet, we had difficulty leaving that area. Begrudgingly, we did so and started our search along San Miguel and near the Adobe forest because your department believed he wasn't there.

One of our biggest concerns is the remark that Sheriff Ian Parkinson made during our meeting in March stating that "like Kristin Smart's case, the sheriffs' office is committed to supporting us with finding Kyle." This statement provided was a big part of our reason to lose hope with the sheriff's office. I would like to remind the sheriffs that while the main perpetrator may be behind bars, Kristin Smart was never found and her family was never given their daughter back. We do not want that for Kyle. Kyle is still our baby and we expect that he is returned to us. You've made promises to Kristin Smart's family that were never fulfilled. This in itself does not provide us any hope that your promise will be fulfilled.

Stop dropping the ball. We know that you have areas of interest. Search. As we told the sergeant, it is not impossible to control the water table. We know because we've already done it. If we as untrained searchers are able to do it, then I know that you are as well. We know that resources and money are not an issue because OES has stated that funds are reimbursed. We originally planned to have our K9 team return, but were put on pause because the sergeant is "checking on plans" to see if they will interfere with your own efforts. You are not out there. We need someone now, not later!

Sincerely,

Lindsay & Brian Doan