

Kyron Horman Press Conference
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Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Training Facility
2955 NE 172nd Place, Portland, Oregon

Captain Monte Reiser:

Good afternoon, I am Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Captain Monte Reiser. Joining me today is Chief Deputy Tim Moore, Kyron's Mother, Desiree Young, Father Kaine Horman and Stepfather Tony Young.

Part of this press conference is to review some of the responses to questions that were emailed to the media last Friday afternoon.

These questions were obtained after the sheriff's office gave the media an opportunity to submit their queries last week as a way to ensure that our communication remains on-going.

We hope that this is a time and cost effective way to provide information to the numerous and various types of media outlets.

The media continues to help us in this investigation by keeping Kyron's physical description on the forefront and showing their viewers how determined the family, the sheriff's office and the community is to finding Kyron.

A word about the reasons why we cannot share detailed information with you. Early release of information can affect the operational work of the investigation.

New and in-coming information is often unconfirmed and needs to be validated prior to release and misleading information can potentially harm the investigation.

Talking about specifics of any pending criminal investigation creates potential blocks or disruptions to detective's work; the district attorney's work and may result in a negative outcome and hamper our efforts to find Kyron.

In order for us to make this investigation as successful as possible, we will not answer specific questions relating to the investigation.

That being said, we appreciate your understanding and partnership as we proceed.

We want to continue to inform the public of Kyron's description and will continue to periodically share information when we are able to do so.

Following my initial remarks, Chief Moore has some important information to share with you and then Desiree would like to say a few words.

The family will not be answering questions at this time. Chief Moore and I will not be taking questions at the end of our statements.

First, an update on the investigation.

Since Kyron's disappearance on June 4th, this investigation has developed into the largest search effort in Oregon's history.

Never before has there been a combined search and rescue contingent of approximately 500 searchers involving 18 different counties and several other agencies from other states.

We want to again express our appreciation for the help we've received and to say that we simply could not have completed such an exhaustive initial search using only local resources.

From the first days of the search as it developed into a criminal investigation, the East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team in partnership with the FBI has remained organized and determined to reach a successful conclusion.

This team continues its focused effort to work through every investigative lead and is prepared for any potential long-term effort.

Our operational command post will continue to be located at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Hansen Building.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office personnel have dedicated approximately 11,000 hours to this investigation.

As of this morning we have received nearly 3500 leads that have been developed from thousands of tips that have come in. We continue to receive a varying number of tips from day to day.

Typically, tips are called in and are filtered, prioritized and triaged by an experienced detective allowing for effective dissemination of information to the appropriate resource.

All tips are recorded and tracked using software specifically designed for this purpose. Once a tip turns into a lead, it is assigned to a detective or multiple detectives and is worked and continues to be tracked using the software.

Significant progress in this case is occurring in that tips are being reviewed, leads are either being considered, worked or have been ruled out.

Regarding investigative tips – Many tips that have been submitted produce workable leads and these tips are given high priority on the investigation workload.

However, there have been calls that come in, such as psychic tips, which produce no workable leads or lack tangible information that can be followed up on.

This is not to say that these tips will never be considered, they simply are being prioritized below those that provide tangible information.

Regarding the use of polygraphs - This is simply an investigative tool that may help to further an investigation.

We have, at any given time, many personnel working on this investigation. That number fluctuates based on the leads being considered and the resources required to work those leads on any given day.

Though we cannot comment on specific searches, we can tell you that searches occur when necessary and we have resources in place to address any small or large scale search effort that may develop.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office continues to be the lead agency as we continue our partnership with the East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team.

This team was created in 1996 and has over a 90% successful prosecution rate for major criminal investigations.

Having worked with the Major Crimes Team in the past I can tell you that it's comprised of some of Multnomah County's most well respected, skilled and dedicated detectives.

These detectives are selected for their skill level and ability to solve crimes and work well within a detective team.

Additionally, we have the best resources that District Attorney Mike Schruck has to offer for this case.

We believe that Kyron's disappearance involves criminal behavior because we have parents that have been deprived of their son for 53 days.

In response to an earlier question, at this time in Multnomah County or the Pacific Northwest region, we are not aware of any missing children cases that are like this one.

Without hesitation, we can say that any case involving similar circumstances will be given the same attention that this one has.

It continues to be important to emphasize to both our local citizens and citizens across the state of Oregon and all over our country that are following this case – that we remain steadfast, determined and focused in our work to bring Kyron home to his family.

I'd now like to introduce Chief Deputy Tim Moore.

CHIEF DEPUTY TIM MOORE:

Good afternoon. Today, I'd like to announce that the initial reward of \$25,000 offered through the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is being increased to \$50,000 effective at 3:00 p.m. today.

This reward money is being provided by an anonymous donor.

The \$50,000 in reward money is offered in return for specific information that leads us to Kyron.

As Captain Reiser said, it has now been 53 days since Kyron's disappearance and I want to again emphasize that even though there has been some passage of time, we continue to ask the community to look for Kyron and continue to provide tips.

I understand that the public continues to be concerned for Kyron and curious about details of this case. It's a natural tendency for us all to care about the welfare of a small child. As many of us in this room today are parents or grandparents, we try to empathize with Desiree and Kaine yet we do not really understand what they are experiencing.

We thank them for being available today and for doing their best at working with us in partnership.

Last week, the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office received the much appreciated support from Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen and the Board of County Commissioners regarding a request for some additional detective and prosecution resources for this investigation.

Sheriff Staton was pleased to report to the Board that the sheriff's office was able to not use the \$500,000 in contingency funds that the Board designated in June to assist in the expense of this investigation.

Additionally, the Sheriff has chosen not to ask the Board for additional

funding at this time – and to assess those investigative resources that will be utilized in the future and report back to the Board that dollar amount in October.

We continue to be mindful that it is important for us to be efficient in every aspect of this investigation and that includes being fiscally responsible with our expenses.

I would now like to introduce Desiree Young and Kaine Horman who would like to make a statement but will not be answering questions at this time.

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