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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **SEARCH FOR DANE PAULSEN UPDATE – SEARCH CONTINUES**

3/10/25, 4:00pm – Siletz, Oregon

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and partnering agencies are continuing search operations for Dane Paulsen.

#### **Ongoing search and investigation activities:**

- Investigators continue to follow up on leads they discover in addition to informational tips from the community.
- Daily water searches utilizing watercraft with specialized equipment and trained personnel will continue until further notice.

#### **Answering some common questions:**

- We have received information regarding a white van seen in the area two weeks before Dane's disappearance. At this time, we do not have evidence linking this vehicle to the ongoing search and investigation.
- We will be providing updates as significant information becomes available. *This means we will not be providing daily updates.* New information or major updates will be shared through the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office [FlashAlert](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- Though the land within the search area has been thoroughly combed, we cannot guarantee the areas are clear. Even with specialized equipment and search K9s, it is possible to miss a small child that may be hidden by thick brush or other visual impairments.
- Due to the thorough coverage of the surrounding area and information provided by investigators and evidence from searchers with specialized training and equipment, search efforts are concentrated on the Siletz River.

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- Highly trained personal and specialized equipment remain imperative to this search. Read more about some of the specialized personal and equipment cited in our earlier releases: [March 5, 2025 Media Release](#) and [March 4, 2025 Talking Points from Community Update](#)
- Some community members continue to search on their own. This is in addition to official search efforts. Searchers need permission from property owners before accessing private property. Searchers also need to prioritize safety (see safety suggestions below).

### **How Community Members Can Help:**

- *To ensure investigators receive information as quickly as possible, please submit all tips to the tip line, not through Facebook.* Currently there is no evidence to suggest criminal activity in Dane's disappearance. We still ask the public to report relevant information to the **tip line: 541-265-0669**. When sharing information that may help us bring Dane home, be as specific as possible. Note the time, exact location, and get clear photos or videos when possible.
- Share official updates found on the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office [FlashAlert](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- **If community members choose to continue their search (in addition to emergency responder searches), keep these things in mind:**
  - If you are choosing to search the river or riverbanks, wear a life jacket at all times. The Siletz River is cold and fast-moving.
  - Please avoid areas with active searching by emergency responders or certified personnel.
  - Do not search during the night or dark hours.
  - Carry safety equipment such as first aid kit, extra water and food, whistle, flashlight, etc.
  - Dress appropriately for the weather and terrain. Wear layers, bring waterproof clothes, and sturdy shoes.
  - Before you set out, have a safety plan in place. Let someone know exactly where you are headed and when you will return.
  - Remember that private property cannot be searched without updated permission from the owner.

Updates will be shared through [FlashAlert](#) and our [Facebook page](#) as significant updates become available.

Once again, we express empathy for Dane's family. We also want to thank our community for their compassion and assistance. Our teams are working to bring Dane home.

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