

Our local residence, Tracy “Trace” Sargent, and her search dog “Chance” just returned from Idaho. This was no vacation; it was serious business. Their travels involved the search for a missing two-year boy, DeOrr Kunz. Kunz vanished without a trace one year ago while camping with his family in the mountains of northern Idaho. This case has gained national attention as the featured story and front cover of the recently published PEOPLE magazine. Other national outlets such as The Nancy Grace Show, HLN and Inside Edition have also covered this story along with local and regional media.

Because Sargent and her dogs specialize in missing person cases, she was specifically selected to assist with this case. Phillip Klein, lead investigator and CEO of Klein Investigations & Consulting, requested Sargent and Chance along with several other missing person experts to investigate and search for Kunz. Working with local law enforcement officials, they spent 5 days in the Idaho wilderness searching vast areas, an old mining town and Leadore, a remote town sparsely populated with approximately 100 persons. They also searched the missing toddler's home and his grandmother's home. During their investigation and search efforts, clues were found which garnered further leads into the mysterious disappearance of this toddler.

After an exhaustive year long investigation, the toddler's parents, Jessica Mitchell and DeOrr Kunz, Sr. have maintained their innocence. However, there remains a cloud of suspicion regarding their involvement in their son's disappearance. This week, the Lemni County Sheriff's Office, where the toddler disappeared, just released their findings and have concluded the parents along with two other adults whom where camping with the family “have been less than truthful” and allege this case “has to be a homicide.”

Sargent and her dogs remain on-call and may be returning to Idaho later this year as investigations continue to unravel this complicated case.

Further details about Sargent and her dogs may be found at www.helpfindingmissingpersons.com.
