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\*\*Update 12 1230 hours 7/1/2025\*\*

## Blood samples taken from the suspect's truck matched; search teams continue strategic operations throughout Chelan and Kittitas Counties.

Detectives learned from the WSP Crime Lab that the DNA in the blood found on the tailgate of the truck, first known to belong to a male, matches the DNA profile that we believe is Decker's. Search teams, both law enforcement and volunteer, along with K9s continue coordinated searches for Mr. Decker.

Detectives originally recovered some individual, personal items, from the scene they believed belong to Mr. Decker. The lab took DNA samples from those items and found they matched the DNA in the blood samples recovered at the scene. We know, positively, that all of the DNA samples recovered belong to the same, male, subject, who we believe is Mr. Decker. With this evidence, along with the other evidentiary items found at the scene, we do not have any reason to believe there are any other suspects.

Last week Kittitas County Teams searched the Crystal Creek Drainage from the enchantments out through Ingalls Creek. Kittitas County, along with CCSO personnel and a human remains detection dog searched the Ingalls drainage as well. Throughout the search, several K9s with different disciplines have been utilized on a regular basis and we will continue to utilize those resources as needed. CCSO Drone Teams have been actively flying search patterns over land and water, and last Saturday about 25 CCVSAR volunteers conducted a thorough search of the crime scene area.

Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, CCVSAR, The US Forest Service, US Marshals Service, all continue coordinated search efforts throughout the area. Additionally, The National Park Service is planning to send out their swift water search and rescue teams in the near future to conduct even more searches of the bodies of water around the crime scene.

At this time we do not have any evidence to suggest Mr. Decker is alive, or deceased. Until he is taken into custody, or recovered, we will continue these efforts. We are extremely grateful for the continued leadership, dedication, and support from all of our search teams.















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The United States Marshals Service is offering a reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading directly to Travis DECKER's arrest. The suspect should be considered armed and dangerous.

If you see Travis Decker, please call 911 immediately and do not attempt to contact or approach him. Anyone with information is urged to contact the nearest U.S. Marshals office, the U.S. Marshals Service Communications Center at 1-800-336-0102, or USMS Tips at www.usmarshals.gov/tips.







