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Investigators continue to process crime scene evidence while search teams remain engaged on the ground and from the air.

CCSO Detectives continue their in-depth investigation by continuing to gather information from both new sources, and reviewing lab results from evidence gathered on the scene. At the same time, CCSO, Kittitas County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), The WA Army National Guard (WA ANG) and the US Marshals Service are conducting collaborative search efforts to locate Mr. Decker.

As of today, we and our law enforcement partners continue a concerted effort into the triple homicide investigation and search for the suspect, Travis Decker. Personnel are deployed throughout the region and backcountry areas of Chelan and Kittitas Counties following up on leads and searching for signs of Mr. Decker. While search operations continue around the clock, CCSO Detectives are further developing the criminal case, conducting follow up interviews, processing evidence, and reviewing data and analysis from evidentiary items sent to the crime lab for processing.

KCSO has been placing numerous resources on the ground and in the air. CCSO is very thankful for their assistance, especially given their experience with searching for suspects in the woods, which they are currently deploying for this case.

Service Members of the WA ANG continue to be a vital resource to the search as they have continued aerial surveillance, provided more air assets, and conducted personnel movements for the ground search teams. They are a critical component in getting personnel into remote areas for tracking and searching. Along with the WA ANG, CCSO's Air Support Unit (ASU) has also remained engaged, flying the search areas while providing more eyes in the sky and assisting with coordination of the ground search teams. CCSO Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel are deployed for the search as well. Their vast experience, training, and expertise within our remote areas is an incredibly valuable asset to the operation.

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The US Marshals Service has been another vital component of this investigation, more particular with the search for Mr. Decker. They are conducting in depth investigations, interviews, assessments, and deploying specialized personnel while assuming the lead role in the search for Mr. Decker. CCSO will maintain a primary focus on the criminal investigation and continue to supplement the Marshal's Service when needed.

During all of these simultaneous operations, the day-to-day law enforcement operations continue here at CCSO. Our Patrol Supervisors and Deputies have done an incredible job at maintaining the needs and safety of our citizens despite the heavy toll this case has taken on our personnel, resources, and communities. They continue to allocate resources and personnel to ensure shifts are staffed while we enter our busy season, ensuring our neighborhoods, roadways, and waterway remain safe for all to enjoy. The personnel of RIVERCOM, our local dispatch center, have also been instrumental in this investigation and have shown great resilience in their ability to take on the influx of calls we are receiving at the onset of our busy season.

Our Office was notified of a TikTok video that was released which portrays Sheriff Morrison and claims Mr. Decker has been taken into custody after a long standoff. To be clear, Mr. Decker is not in custody and CCSO had no part in making the video.

At this time, we do not have any additional information that would suggest there is a threat to public safety, particularly within the back country and remote areas of our region. To our knowledge, all trails and recreation sites managed by the US Forest Service remain open to the public. However, we still encourage everyone who is outside recreating to remain vigilant and report any suspicious information to law enforcement.

Here at CCSO we are extremely grateful for all of the men and women of the law enforcement agencies who have, have been, and currently are, participating in this investigation. The combined team effort is what gives the greatest opportunity in bringing this case to a close.

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.

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