

Search for [REDACTED]

Information accumulated by Paul French from multiple recourses and recollection in preparation for SAR Inquiry

Day 1 – Saturday, November 7, 2020

Particulars

- RNC request assistance in searching for missing person [REDACTED] who left his place of residence at 1630 Friday Nov 6, 2020 for a smoke and hasn't returned.
- Requested by RNC to locate [REDACTED] (despondent) 52 yo male, 5'-9", balding with short hair and blue eyes. Clothing description was black track pants and a wine-colored wind breaker.
- Previous history with [REDACTED] and issues with him hiding from us.
- This is the fourth time [REDACTED] has left the home and he has told RNC officers that he does hide from us as he doesn't want to be brought back to the home. Also, [REDACTED] was moved to this home this past week so the area may be unfamiliar.

SAR Structure

- 24 Searchers in total
- IC – Cst. Debbie Andrews
- Search managers - Paul French and Joel Hickey
- Communication – Marc Phaneuf
- Mapping – Wade O'Keefe

Assets

- Command Post
- Pickups 701 & 702
- NL Helicopters Bell 407
- CCG inshore rescue FRC and cutter Ann Harvey
- Multiple RNC units

Weather

- Rain/drizzle cleared off later in day
- 12 degrees, expected low was 9 degrees Celsius
- Winds west 50 kms
- Sunrise 06:55 – Sunset 16:34
- 12kms visibility

Communication Log

08:49:59				5389	Arrived on scene and set up command at 36 Foxtrap Access Road.
09:02:07				5390	Unit 701 with searchers Mitchell Brett and Trevor Hancock proceeded to search side roads on the water side of CBS highway.
09:07:11				5391	RNC Cst. Debbie Andrews arrived on scene and briefed Search Manager Paul French of the file.
09:15					Plan to start search of 300m perimeter
09:30:00				5392	Search team members were briefed on the information on the search by search manager Paul French and RNC Cst. Debbie Andrews.
09:40:00				5393	Search team leaders assigned and briefed on areas to be searched.
09:47:54				5394	Mobil Teams 1 & 2 proceeded out and patrolling all roads and side streets in the area.
10:09:30				5395	2 search teams went out on foot to search assigned areas.
10:12					2 sets of plain clothed RNC officers start search of roadways and business in area in unmarked units.
10:19					Cst. Andrews call CCG to request shoreline search off CBS
10:22:42				5396	Team 1 searching from CBS highway north to the back end of Hibernia Place. East to PeachyTown Rd, and west to Foxtrap Access Rd. Team 2 seaching from CBS highway north to the back end of Hibernia Place. East to Foxtrap Access Rd, West to Taylors Lane. Team 3 searching from waters edge to CBS Highway, East to Delaneys Rd, West to Fagens Rd.
10:33:20				5397	Mobil team 1 returned to command.
10:38:36				5398	Mobil /Team 1 done road search from Tundra Place to Battens Rd with no success.
10:38					CCG checking weather conditions and making plan to search coastline with FRC and Ann Harvey
10:40:21				5399	Mobil team 1 proceeding to search all roads both sides of Foxtrap Access Rd. as far as the TCH.
10:45					Male arrived at CP and advised of abandoned house nearby. 2 RNC members went to search.

11:10:39				5400	Team 2 returned to command from finishing the search of assigned area with no success.
11:18:38				5401	Team 2 proceeded to new section to search, between CBS highway, Kerry Ave, and Peachy Town Rd. Cst. Andrews received a call from the Coast Guard that the small vessel just left Long pond marine and doing a shore search as far as Seal Cove. That a large craft left St, John's and proceeding to Conception Bay to help the search.
11:30:20				5402	Coast Guard 297 radioed command and started to proceed shoreline search to Seal Cove.
11:37:55				5403	Cst. Andrews called FES and requested a helicopter to join the search.
11:53:28				5404	Cst. Andrews received a call from Helicopter pilot and he will be on site of command in about 1 hour.
11:59:47				5405	Team 2 radioed and finished their search and waiting for transport to command.
12:07:33				5406	Team 2 returned to command, no success.
12:09:35				5407	Mobile team 1 returned to command.
12:09					Individual/owner called about alarm going of at stay and play daycare but they had check and there was no access as all doors was locked. RNC officers respond to confirm.
12:22					Cst. Andrews spoke with manner to confirm details and ensure [REDACTED] never returned
12:23:28				5408	Team 1 returned to command from assigned area, no success
12:26:25				5409	Mobil team 2 returned to command, no success.
12:33:40				5410	CG297 radioed command and finished shoreline search along shore to Seal Cove and returning to Long Pond.
12:34:00				5411	Newfoundland Helicopter XNH landed at command.
12:53:37				5412	Helicopter pilot briefed on search. 3 rovers Matthew Jones, Joel Hickey, and Allen Kean will be in helicopter to do a air search.
12:56					updated family
12:57:55				5413	Team 1 briefed on new search area and on the way to search it.
12:59:28				5414	Helicopter lifted off from command to commence search.
13:10:50				5415	Team 3 briefed on new search area, and on the way to search it.

13:14:55					5416	Teams are reassigned with Team 1 finishing off searching area 1 and Team 2 starting to search area 4.
13:37						call CBS taxi and advise them of search and ask to keep an eye out and canvas employees as to if they had seen [REDACTED]
13:44						discussion regarding atv use and decided not to use as [REDACTED] mentioned last time he heard them and would hide.
13:46						CCG FRC complete search and ann Harvey was on the way
13:57:10					5417	Helicopter finished first area, landing at command post.
14:02:01					5418	Team 1 finished search of assigned area.
14:07:15					5419	Team 1 returned to command.
14:19:51					5420	Helicopter took off from command to search shore line to manuals river and back.
14:28:13					5421	Team 1 gone to search between Erica Drive and Kerry Ave.
14:32:27					5422	Team 2 returned to command.
14:35:53					5423	Helicopter returned from searching assigned area.
14:51:24					5424	Team 2 proceeded to go search the area between Fagens Rd to Butlers Rd North.
15:27:28					5425	Team 1 returned to command, no success.
15:30:41					5426	Helicopter released from command to return to base.
15:36:07					5427	Team 2 returned to command. No success.
15:54:28					5428	All search members debriefed by Search manager Paul French and Cst .Debbie Andrews. Command terminated, and released for the night.

Day 2 – Sunday, November 8, 2020

Particulars

- Continuation of search form day before
- Plan to redo areas already search in case [REDACTED] has returned or moved
- Expand area as well

SAR Structure

- 35 Searchers in total
 - 12 from CAGSAR
 - 23 from Rovers SAR

- IC – Cst. Debbie Andrews
- Search managers - Paul French and Randy Bidiscomb
- CAGSAR Rep – Solange Cable
- Communication – Paul French
- Mapping – Marc Phaneuf

Assets

- Command Post
- 3 - Pickups 701, 702 & CAGSAR
- 2- Rescue 703 and 704
- NL Helicopters Bell 407

Particulars

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Weather

- Overcast
- 2 degrees, expected low was 0 degrees Celsius
- Winds North 22 kms
- Sunrise 06:55 – Sunset 16:34
- 12kms visibility

Communication Log

2020/11/08					
06:30					Cst. Andrews confirms with RNC that [REDACTED] had not been found.
07:30					Request to FES for Helicopter to continue search
07:40					Cst. Andrews confirmed with CCG that Ann Harvey will continue search in conception bay near CBS and that they will be deploying their FRC to search the shoreline and harbours
08:10:42				5429	Arrived for day 2 of search. Set up command at the Long Pond marina. RNC Cst. Debbie Andrews on scene as Incident Commander and Search managers Paul French & Randy Biddiscombe.
08:15:00				5432	Mobil Team 1 done a quick search of the last areas that subject was found.
08:25:49				5430	Cst. Andrews received a call from CCGS Ann Harvey. They are proceeding to do shoreline search from Seal Cove to Topsail, with their FRC doing all harbors and marinas.

08:27:06					5431	Cst. Andrews and Search Manager Randy Biddiscombe done briefing of all searchers.
08:30:00					5433	Mobil Team returned, no success.
08:35:00					5435	Team leads assigned, briefed on assigned areas and members of the team.
08:40:00					5434	Newfoundland helicopter arrived on scene of command.
08:50:00					5436	5 Teams assigned and proceeded to assigned areas.
08:56:07					5437	Teams 1 & 2 began searching assigned
09:00:32					5438	Teams 3, 4,& 5 all began search of assigned areas.
09:07:00					5439	Newfoundland helicopter XNH taking off to search all surrounding areas with 3 SAR members on board.
09:10:02					5440	Team 1 searching area 2 with boundary's of Peachy town road, CBS Hwy, Kerry Ave and Reginalds Road
09:10:59					5441	Team 2 searching Area 12 with boundary's Foxtrap Access road, Scenic Place, Middle bight road and Sutton place
09:11:56					5442	Team 3 searching area 3 with boundary's Kerry ave, CBS Hwy, Greeleytown road and Willies place
09:13:18					5443	Team 4 searching area 11 with boundary's of Foxtrap access road CBS Hwy, Taylors road and Scenic place
09:14:18					5444	Team 5 searching area 1 with boundary's of Foxtrap access road Peachytown road, CBS Hwy and Reginalds place
09:15:26					5445	Michael Laite and Keith Bartlett searching roving road search from are 9 to firehall
09:17:09					5446	All references to search areas are to be referenced to search area map for Nov 08, 2020 attached.
09:17:47					5447	Gerry Snow completing a roving search east side of our search area
09:36:16					5448	Paul Snow joined Gerry Snow and they will search water side of CBS hwy west of search area
09:37:40					5449	Gerry Snow completed road search from sobeys to CP
10:05:04					5450	RNC were talking to CBS taxi and they mentioned that one of there drivers spotted [REDACTED] and another gentelman at the buses accross from Greeleytown road. RNC office is going to meet the taxi drive and get a statement.
10:06:55					5451	XNH finished searching assigned area by air. Retasking XNH to search another area.
10:08:09					5452	XNH tasked to search from here to Whitbourne along the TCH and back.

10:08:21				5453	Ian Percy joined team 3
10:09:31				5454	Helicopter finished it's initial search of area of PLS and coast line and trail from Seal cove to Topsail beach and then a 1 km perimeter on PLS again.
10:10:35				5455	Tasked Helicopter to search TCH west as far as Whitburn and back to St.John's. Pilot said he would get fuel while he was in the city.
10:11:48				5456	2 Officers going back to the property and nearby property's including nearby vacant house and then report back to CP
10:18:44	4			5457	Radio check
10:18:56			4	5458	5 by 5
10:20:25			1	5459	Matthew Pitman (TL), Brant Colbert, Rick Power and Colin LeGrow
10:20:58			2	5460	Randy Sparks (TL) Phil Rowe, Todd LeGrow and Aaron Mercer
10:22:03			3	5461	Craig Moores (TL), Michelle Brett, Trevor Hancock, Max Day and Ian Percy joined later on
10:22:49			4	5462	Bev Preston (TL), Nikita Staperlon, Abros Noalan, Tina Smith and Sheldon Collins
10:23:40			5	5463	Terry Goss (TL), Solange Cable, Andrew Badcock, Bobbi Barns and Andrea Devero
10:24:01				5464	Cris Badcock assisting IC and SAR manager
10:24:38			Helicopter	5465	Pilot Peter Jeffers, Matthew Jones, Allen Kean and Gary Barnes
10:32:20	2			5466	Team two has completed their search of area 12 and looking for further instruction.
10:32:50			CP	5467	Asked team two to search are 10
10:33:10	2			5468	Confirmed going to search area 10
10:42:17				5469	Team 1 returned to command from searching assigned area.
10:45:15	2			5470	Completed search of area 2 with no sign of XXXXXXXXXX
10:45:39				5471	Asked team to 2 to search area 7
10:45:57	2			5472	Going to take a break first and then search area 7
10:49					Request to FES for additional hours
10:58					Sent RNC to check abandoned sheds off foxtrap access road
11:00:45			5	5473	Completed search of area 1

11:01:12				5474	Asked team 5 to start searching area 6
11:03					CCG ann Harvey completed search with no joy and they were cleared from search
11:06:04				5475	Team 1 starting to search second assigned area.
11:17:37				5476	CG vessel Anne Harvey completed an extensive search of the water and shoreline. Going to take their time and head back o base but will be in the area for another while if we have any new info.
11:39:43				5477	XNH finished their second search, landing at command for lunch.
11:59:05				5478	Teams 2 & 5 returning to command for lunch.
12:04:50		5		5479	Team 5 has complete area 6 with no sign of [REDACTED]
12:09					Updated family
12:11:36				5480	Team 1 returned to command for lunch.
12:20:42				5481	Team 4 returned to command.
12:37:09				5482	Team 2 returned to command for lunch.
13:04:37				5483	Team 1 finished lunch, gone to begin search of their afternoon assigned area.
13:15:29				5484	Teams 2, 3, 4, & 5 out to search their afternoon assigned areas.
13:16:37				5485	Team 3 started to search their assigned area.
13:18:20				5486	Team 4 started to search their assigned area.
13:18:50				5487	Team 5 began to search their assigned area.
13:23:26				5488	Team 5 searching area 5
13:23:40				5489	Team 2 searching area 8
13:23:55				5490	Team 1 searching area 9
13:25:28				5491	Helicopter to search all pits and accessory road south of CBS urban area and up through Foxtrap pasture lands
13:37:26				5492	XNH Took off with 2 searchers and RNC officer to search a new assigned area.
13:56:23				5493	Team 3 has completed their search of area and they are going to start searching the south end of area 4
14:14:27				5494	Team 5 has completed their search of are 5 and are going to start searching the south side of area 4 and work north
14:15:11				5495	Team 1 has completed their search of area 9 and will join team 5 to help with area 4

14:19:09				5496	XNH finished assigned area, landed at command.
14:39:40				5497	Team 2 returned to command, no success.
14:51:18				5498	XNH finished air search and released from command and returned to Clarenville.
15:03:48				5499	Teams 3 & 5 finished search of area 4.
15:04					call from [REDACTED] saying that someone had come to them and said they had seen [REDACTED] at the dollar store at 11pm the night before.
15:05					Officers sent for statement and check with dollar store video
15:08:35				5500	Team 5 returned to command, no success.
15:12:10				5501	Cst. Andrews received a call that a woman had a video of subject passing in the area of the Dollar Store in Kelligrews. She assigned a Constable to track the woman and video to confirm.
15:21:38				5502	Cst. Andrews and search manager Paul French debriefed some of the searchers and released them from command.
15:21					FES notified we were concluding for the day
15:33:30				5503	Team 4 finished search of assigned area, nothing found. returned to command.
15:37					SGT Hutchings notified that search was completed for the day but if they received an info or sighting throughout the night to notify Rovers drone team who would complete search with FLIR
15:42:08				5504	All members returned to command. Searched all areas, nothing found. Command released at this time. Command terminated.
16:45					Family updated

November 11, 2020

Particulars

- Request by RNC to initiate additional search for [REDACTED] with drone as weather is preferable.

SAR Structure

- 7 Searchers in total
- IC – Sgt. Colin Deacy
- Search managers – Harry Blackmore and Paul Cook
- Communication/mapping – Marc Phaneuf

Assets

- Command Post
- Pickup 702
- Rovers SAR Drone

Weather

- Overcast with sunny breaks
- 11 degrees, expected low was 3 degrees Celsius
- Winds south 15 kms
- Sunrise 06:55 – Sunset 16:34

Communication Log

2020/11/11					
11:45:00				5506	Arrived on scene of the Faith Pentecostal church at 36 Foxtrap road to continue search with the drone. Command set up.
12:11:01				5507	RNC Sgt. Colin Deacy arrived on scene as Incident Commander.
12:28:08				5508	Sgt. Deacy briefed drone team on areas to search, which are the wooded area behind the Home of the subject, the wooded area between Butlers Road South and Taylors Lane, and the wooded area behind Tinys Bar and Grill at 775 CBS Highway.
12:45:00				5509	Drone team proceeded to search the area between Butlers Road South and Taylors Lane.
14:35:52				5510	Drone team returning to command after finishing search of assigned area.
14:40:13				5511	Drone team proceeding to the area behind the home of the subject to search the area.
15:00:00				5512	Sgt. deacy and searchers Paul French and Mabil Tilley returned from searching the area behind Tinys Bar & Grill.
15:09:02				5513	Drone team returned to command from searchng assigned areas.
15:35:00				5514	All areas done and searched, no success. Command terminated for the day.

November 12, 2020

0800 - received call from home owner on Marvel Place in CBS that their dog had been barking and when investigate seen a man on the ground in their back yard which they believed was [REDACTED]

0800 - RNC responded

[REDACTED] was located

Conclusion

- [REDACTED] was located 2.8 kms from the Foxtrap manner (PLS)
- In total volunteers provided **536.26** hours searching for [REDACTED] during this search
- Rovers Sar search for [REDACTED] on 4 separate occasions within the span of 2 month and in total spent 1,426.3 hours searching for [REDACTED] overall
- In later searches there was a difficulty in getting a strong response from volunteers as [REDACTED] kept going missing and didn't want to be found.
- It was noted that [REDACTED] did not want to be in town and wanted to be back in [REDACTED] with his family. There was frustration that this couldn't happen sooner.
- Following every search there was small changes made but [REDACTED] kept getting away.
- [REDACTED] communicated with the RNC that he knew he was doing wrong and that he would hide from RNC and searchers.
- We had sent searches out with minimal PPE when required to ensure we blended in with the public and not looked like searchers.
- We also used personal vehicles on the roads to complete road searches.

Note: Anything highlighted in yellow was inputted from Cst. Andrews notes and was not in our original logs.