

Good morning,

Attachment 4
HCR 33 3-11-2020
Other Written Testimonies

My name is Cynthia Metz, I am Matthew Jay Broncho's mother he was born November 13, 1984 in Boise, Idaho. He attended schools in Blackfoot, Idaho and graduated from Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, CA in 2003. He attend College in Durango, CO and Idaho State University gradating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 2008. He was an employee for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and was a school board committee member for the Shoshone-Bannock High School.

On Wednesday, March 20, 2019 he mysteriously disappeared.

The last conversation I had with him was at home he left home driving a Ash Gray-2011 Toyota Tacoma double cab pickup truck, he took his 3 year dog a red Dachshund. During our conversation that day he made no indication that he had planned on leaving home for an extended length of time.

With no word from Matthew by Friday morning, March 22, I became concerned and was able to locate his cell phone via GPS and after checking with other family members, I decided to drive to the location given by his cell phone, we located the pickup truck about 8 p.m., it was left parked on Interstate 84, exit 7 off-ramp about 300 yds. from the stop sign in Snowville, UT (133 miles from home). Inside the vehicle was his cell phone and wallet containing his Driver's License, Tribal ID and bank cards. That night I searched and asked restaurant employees & gas station attendants in Snowville if they had seen him. No one recognized him from photos, I left my name, # and asked them to call me if they see him or his dog. During my search to locate Matt that evening I did contact the Box Elder County Sheriff's in Brigham City, Utah, (53 miles from Snowville, UT) the dispatcher informed she would pass on the information to the Deputy on duty and also informed that her officer could not respond as he was on another call. She informed when the officer is off this other call it would take 30 minutes for the officer to get out to Snowville. I decided

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that since it was late and snowing to head home. My thoughts at the time was he was probably already home or on his way home.

When Matt did not return home the following day Saturday, March 23, I filed a missing person report with the Fort Hall Police Department. The Fort Hall Police Department informed that they would contact Box Elder County Sheriff's Office in Brigham City, Utah. Family and friends began their own search on Sunday, March 24rd returning to Snowville, Utah. On Monday March 25th I went to Brigham City to file a missing person report with Box Elder County but because I already filed at home they supposedly already had the information they needed? On that day we proceeded to Snowville to search and continued our search everyday after.

On the evening of March 27th, 6 days later. I was contacted and informed by a resident in Snowville, Utah that Matthew's dog was found at Exit 5, 2 miles west of exit 7 from where the truck was found in Snowville, UT. Upon calling Box Elder County Sheriff's Office to inform the dog was found I was informed that Box Elder County Search and Rescue was already out conducting an extensive search for Matt that evening and that they didn't want family members out looking as they were professionals and didn't want people in the way. The following day 50 family members and friends, Shoshone-Bannock Fish & Game from Fort Hall were there to assist with an extensive search in Snowville, Utah.

Family members walked within a 10 mile radius on the outskirts of Snowville and went to homes within the town handing out flyers. No person in the town reported seeing Matt or his dog. Also we requested for use of a drone but needed special approval from FAA and landowners. The family used a non-commercial drone to help in our search of the rough terrain. Also on Thursday March 28, 2019 a volunteer search and rescue dog team responded but was unsuccessful partly due to the length of time of his disappearance and it had snowed and rained since.

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A high school girl later in the week reported seeing Matt on the day he disappeared her description of Matt was vague, she informed she saw him walking his dog near the exit 7 ramp at 4 p.m., where the truck was located.

On March 29th, Matt's truck, phones, wallet were retrieved by Fort Hall Police Detectives and stored at their facility until Box Elder County Detectives in Brigham City, Utah were able to process the vehicle for an investigation.

In the course of investigating personal belongings retrieved from the truck could not be used as it was determined to many people had handled items in the vehicle after his disappearance. I believe phones calls made to his phone in the days prior to his disappearance are vital to his case better was not carefully investigated.

Also, video from security cameras were not requested right away then when investigator requested video was not available.

Throughout the months since Matts disappearance several individuals have been questioned and have been asked if they would come in for a polygraph test, which they refused. At the time the Fort Hall CI said he would work on a court order this has never happened and I don't know if the CI that was working on Matts case even caught up to the individuals he planned on questioning.

As for the Box Elder Co. Detective Scott Lewis, he stated he talked to several individuals in Snowville and had no leads there.

The Box Elder County Sheriff Department inform that they have gone to Salt Lake and handed out flyers and have followed some reports of sightings, m however those reports turned out to be mistaken identity. Myself and family have also traveled to Salt Lake area where transients hang out and handed out flyers.

Even though I know my son would never want to live homeless life. His home and family are in Fort Hall he knows if he needed anything he could come to us.

Since January the CI that was working on Matts case took another job and 2 other CI's also resigned, leaving only 2 CI's to handle cases in Fort Hall. I have been in contact with a CI who says he will do what he can until they can get a CI officially assigned to Matts case. Currently FHPD advertised for 2 CI's once hired it would take a year for them to train and certify, then they can start handling cases. But for the time being all the cases in FH will need to be review and assigned among the 2 remaining CIs.

This news is frustrating because its seems his case is at a stand still. Matts case shouldn't have long time periods where nothing is done.

My family in the last year have gone through unimaginable emotional pain of not knowing what happened to Matt. We pray everyday that he will walk through the door.

I am here today hoping to get support to assist the families of MMIP to help them get answers, to get quicker response time when a person is missing, to get professional and timely investigations, improve communication and coordination across jurisdictions, utilize resources to find missing.

Our family will continue to look for Matt.

Thank you for your time.

All lifes matter, men are no different.

**Box Elder County Sheriff Kevin Potter or Detective Scot Lewis,
@(435) 734-3881 and the Fort Hall Criminal Investigators Office
@(208) 478-4000.**

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MISSING

Missing And Taken Indigeneous People

Matthew Jay Broncho

Fort Hall ID

Missing 3-20-19

**Age 34 - Black Hair - 195 lbs
Brown Eyes - 5' 10" Tall**

**Last seen in gray sweatshirt,
blue jeans, black shoes,
& black "Raiders" hat**



Matthew's 2011 Toyota Truck was found 95 miles south in Snowville UT. Was reported seen 3-21-19 parked on I-84 exit 7 eastbound in Snowville. He was walking his Dachshund dog, which was found 6 days later. His phone & wallet were in the truck.

If seen, or you have information that can help find Matthew, call Fort Hall Police (208) 238-4000 Case# LI-1903616 or leave anonymous text tip at TIP411

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From: Taushina Eagle TaushinaE@nezperce.org 
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Norma Eagle was adopted to a sayopoo family in the late 50's with my dad (her older brother), Ramon Eagle. Their biological parents were the late MaryJane Moody (Nez Perce) and Raymond Eagle (Nez Perce and Umatilla). They both endured physical abuse at the hands of their adopted dad, and were daily referred to as, stupid. Their "dad" adopted them as a punishment to his wife, punishing her with the burden of having to raise more kids, (4 total). By all appearances they were in a good family, the dad was a medical doctor, the mom a nurse.

Their dad would take static pictures of them, making them pose on hikes or family outings. My dad recalled being screamed at until the pose was just right. The abuse was so bad that my dad believed he would eventually be killed. He left the day after he graduated high school, no plan for the future, he just took off hitch-hiking. He made it back to his home in the PNW and reunited with his birth family. He worried about Norma but he didn't call his adopted family until five years later. On that call his "dad" informed him that Norma had ran away. Years later his "dad" said her body was found in a shallow grave.

My dad was deeply bothered by his sister's disappearance and he wanted closure but he didn't have the emotional equanimity to pursue that. My mom took on the role of an amateur sleuth and made it her mission to find Norma for my dad.

Fast forward: Norma's remains were positively identified on August 24, 2018, six days after my dad died. She had been kicked out of her home in the early 70s, she crossed the road of a busy street and was struck by a vehicle. She didn't die immediately. She was taken to a hospital and died the next day, she died alone. No "family" looked for her. Her "dad" wasn't there to hold her hand as she died. She was stored away in a morgue with no name for almost 50 years. Had she grown up in a family, a real family, a family with love, someone would have worried about her, someone would have looked for her. Her and my dad were only adopted so that their presence would punish their mom.

Sidenote: my dad referred to his adopted mom as an angel. She was beaten up by her husband and was also called stupid. She would get punched in the face in front of all the kids. My dad recalled that she had reached out to the Umatilla Tribe and had ordered some powwow music. She tried and I believe she did her best given her circumstances.

Norma was finally laid to rest at the Nez Perce National Historical Park cemetery in Spalding, Idaho in May of 2019.

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P. B. I

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women

Testimonial

Native American women are beaten 3 ½ more than any other race in this country, one in 3 native women will be raped and often that number amounts to 100% on some reservations. Native American women suffer the highest rates of violent beatings and assaults. Why???

Why..... why..... why..... I ask

Why are Native women treated so badly? Why is it tolerated in today's society that they are treated this way? Why hasn't someone, anyone stepped up before now? Why did it take this long for people to recognize this scourge against Native women? Is it because the life of a Native woman is not as important as others? Is this genocide?

Why..... why.....why..... I ask

Why is someone not looking for my daughter, my mother, my auntie, my cousin? Why was she disposed like she were garbage in a ditch? Why didn't anyone bother to ask who she is and where did she come from? Why isn't anyone looking for her killer? Why isn't anyone asking any questions I ask

Why.....why.....why..... I ask

Why doesn't anyone care what happened to her? Why isn't her Tribe even asking what happened to her? Why isn't anyone held accountable for destroying her life? Why isn't anyone held accountable for destroying her family's life?

Why..... Why.....why.....I ask

Why do they say, "it isn't my jurisdiction?" Why do they say, "she put herself in that situation" Why? Did she expect to be murdered? Did she ask to be murdered? Did she fight for her life? Did she scream and claw for her life? Did she try to run? Did she call for someone with her last breath?

Thank you.

Bernie LaSarte
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