



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

March 14, 2017



Jonathan Gruising, a FBI Special Agent with the Denver office talked to the club about missing children the Denver FBI office has been involved with.

When children 0—2 years old go missing, it is generally due to a custody issue or a mother has been unable to have a baby. Children 0—5 who go missing, it is typically a custody issue.

David Puckett was the first child Jonathan talked about. David went missing this past New Years holiday. He has run away from home on previous occasions, primarily looking for food. It appears there were issues in the home and those details were not provided. On the first day of a search for a missing child, the search is primarily knocking on doors of houses in the neighborhood and searching nearby water bodies. When the FBI and local authorities come to house they will search the entire house, backyard, and any cars that are there. The homeowners has to sign a consent form to allow the search. If the homeowner does not consent, the authorities will get a search warrant and then search the house. By the third day, the search had been greatly expanded, FBI trained search dogs from FBI Quantico are brought in to assist. In this case, the dogs trailed David to a pond that had already been searched. They found David drowned in the pond.

The second missing child Jonathan talked about was Kayleah Wilson, a 12 year old that went missing in March, 2010. She left to meet a friend at a nearby mall and then go to a birthday party. Kayleah never made it to the party. Kayleah lived at home with he mother and her boyfriend. The mother's boyfriend was an 18 year old who had a history of abusing young girls. After an extensive search, Kayleah could not be found. A mother later, a ditch walker found Kayleah's partially decomposed body in a ditch approximately 1/2 mile from her house. The ditch was to the west of the house, and most of the search had been to the east. The boyfriend was charged and convicted of sexually assaulting Kayleah. Jonathan indicated the boyfriend had a mental capacity of about a 11 year old.

The third child Jonathan talked about was Jessica Ridgeway who went missing from her Wheatridge home on Oct 5, 2010. Jessica was going to school and was going to meet her friend at the bus stop. Jessica's mother watched her daughter walk up the street towards the bus stop and her friend was to watch her coming up the street. There was a blind spot of about 3 houses that neither mom or friend could see Jessica and it was in that blind spot that Jessica was abducted. With this case the FBI started using DNA to try and find the abductor. At about the time Jessica went missing a jogger was attacked in a nearby park. DNA samples of the attacker were obtained from the victim. Later Jessica's backpack was found near Superior, CO. DNA on the backpack connent the abductor of Jessica to the jogger attacker. Eventually, a neighbor of the abductor notified the FBI of concerns the neighbor had about Austin Sigg. A DNA sample was obtained from Austin and it was a perfect match to the jogger attacker and the DNA found on Jessica's backpack. Austin is serving a life sentence for the murder of Jessica.

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**MARCH 20—PRIME TIMERS
GAME DAY 1—3 PM WILLOW
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**MARCH 25—IFCS FOOD
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CENTENNIAL ANNUAL BOARD
REPORT
APRIL 4—GAIL LEHRMANN,
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APRIL 19—ANNUAL STATE OF
THE CITY

CLUB BUSINESS

- Jay Zheng and his new restaurant were written up in the Sunday Denver Post from a week ago. Go to the Denver Post web site and type in Jay and Volcano and you will find the article. Did you know he has a degree in Chemistry.
- Remember to get your King Sooper's or Sprout discount cards.
- The Foundation Board needs nominations.
- RYLA enrollment is active. We have not seen much activity.
- State of the City needs some more volunteers. Contact Dee as she is coordinating the volunteers.

Blue Marble—Trip won the prize—over \$1900.

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