

Press Release

Press Release for Missing Young Person Renzo Bull Head

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Bismarck, ND- *March 22, 2025* -This morning, a comprehensive briefing took place in the ongoing search for Renzo Bull Head, a missing 20-year-old student who was attending United Tribes Technical College. The search has mobilized nearly 100 dedicated volunteers from various tribes and regions, reflecting the profound support and compassion within our communities.

Renzo was last seen on March 16, 2025, walking across the railroad bridge near Mandan, ND. The search effort, which includes teams with boats, drones, horse units, and search dogs, is underway to locate Renzo and bring him back to his family. The Mandan Police Department has provided ongoing updates and has pledged to enhance communication and empathy towards Renzo's family during this distressing time. It is crucial that the public respects the searchers' efforts and prioritizes compassion for the volunteers.

Chairwoman Alkire of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe expressed profound gratitude to the volunteers and neighboring tribes for their unwavering support. "We want to thank all those who have come together to assist in the search for Renzo including our sister tribes from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. The outpouring of love and resources from the communities of Bismarck and Mandan has been truly heartening. We recognize that this is a challenging time for Renzo's family, and it is a stark reminder of the growing number of missing persons in our tribal communities. However, in the face of adversity, we are reminded of the strength found in our unity."

A moment of prayer was observed, led by Renzo's grandfather, who urged searchers to carry good intentions in their hearts and to seek guidance from the earth, water, and animals in their quest to locate Renzo. A debriefing will take place at 6:00 PM at the UTTC Gym in the multipurpose room.

Renzo's family continues to express their heartfelt plea for compassion and assistance in their search for their son, nephew, brother, and cousin. They are deeply appreciative of the collaborative efforts among tribes and organizations dedicated to expanding search operations which include,

- Mandan Police Department, Bismarck Police, and North Dakota Highway Patrol.
- United Tribes Technical College has opened their campus to us.
- The Spirit Lake Tribe has dispatched a team of experienced searchers along with drones for aerial support.
- The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation is contributing boats and sonar technology for critical waterway support.
- The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa has deployed emergency response crafts and is working closely with Burleigh County Emergency Services.
- The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is continuing to provide additional watercraft support in the coming days.
- The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe joined the efforts with their search parties and watercraft.
- Bloodhounds trained in water scent tracking are en route from Minnesota.

All areas are open for search efforts, except for land owned by BNP, which remains restricted. We extend our sincerest thanks to all volunteers and community members for their assistance and compassion during this difficult time.

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Family of Renzo Bull Head

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