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Search For Lily and Jack Sullivan, To Be Scaled Back

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USPA 24 News - The Pictou District RCMP provided an update on the search for two children who are believed to have wandered away from their home in northeastern Nova Scotia six days ago.
The RCMP held a news briefing at 2 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time addressing questions from Media in attendance.
It was announced that as of today, that the multi-agency search for two missing children, six-year-old Lily Sullivan and four-year-old Jack Sullivan, will be scaled back.

Staff Sergeant Curtis MacKinnon, District Commander for Pictou County District RCMP said,
"As of today, a multi-agency search for two missing children, six-year-old Lily Sullivan and four-year-old Jack Sullivan, will be scaled back.

This search has included many agencies, including volunteer ground search and rescue teams from all surrounding areas and New Brunswick, the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, the Nova Scotia Guard, the Salvation Army, the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, Department of Natural Resources Air Services, Nova Scotia Public Safety and Field Communications, Canada Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 5, and several RCMP units, including Police Dog Services, drone operators, and our Major Crime Unit."

"It has been an all-hands-on-deck effort, using every available resource and tool. . We're transitioning from a full-scale search to searches in smaller, more specific areas; we'll be retracing our steps to ensure all clues have been found.

Since the search began on May 2nd, it has been concentrated in the Gairloch Rd. area and has covered four square kilometres of heavily wooded, rural terrain. Up to 160 trained volunteer searchers, along with many others, have been involved in the search each day. Tens of thousands of search hours have been dedicated to scouring the area, and GSAR has confirmed that over 100 tracks have been laid using GPS and grid searches.

Efforts to locate Lily and Jack have also included two vulnerable missing persons alerts. One was issued in Pictou County on May 2nd. And on May 3rd, a broadcast intrusive alert was issued to Antigonish, Colchester, and Pictou counties."

"I want to assure Nova Scotians that our missing persons investigation continues, Our focus remains on finding Lily and Jack. Our best investigators are working every aspect of this file, and our work won't stop until we know where Lily and Jack are and can bring them home."

Robert Parker, the warden for the Municipality of Pictou County, spoke with CBC Information Morning and said," The mood in the rural region of roughly 43,000 people has been "tense" as the search continues.
Nobody is giving up yet, These children have almost become everybody's children in this county."

He went on to say, "While it is human nature to jump to conclusions, the public should be careful about what they're posting on social media. There are always people who want to say something that is hurtful, but we have to remember kindness."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Pictou County District RCMP at 902-485-4333. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.

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