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## Search resumes for body of Duke Flores, 6, at Victorville Landfill

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The search for the body of Duke Flores, a missing six-year-old from Apple Valley, resumed this morning at the Victorville Landfill. [James Quigg, Daily Press]

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials announced this morning that the search has resumed at the Victorville Landfill for the body of Duke Flores.

The six-year-old Apple Valley boy has been missing for more than two weeks and is presumed dead. Detectives, following leads, said Monday they believed Duke's body had been dumped in a trash bin whose contents were then dumped in the landfill. That resulted in a daylong search of the landfill on Monday, specifically a 70-foot by 70-foot by 10-foot deep area that holds an estimated 600 tons of debris. The search was halted around 5 p.m. Monday.

Today, homicide detectives, 19 Sheriff's Department volunteers, 2 search dogs, 15 additional Sheriff's Department employees, and personnel from the landfill will continue to sift through material in hopes of finding Duke's body.

Additional information will be released as soon as it becomes available, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Meanwhile, Duke's mother and aunt will be arraigned at 8:30 a.m. today in a Victorville Courthouse on first-degree murder charges. Jackee Contreras, 29, of Apple Valley, was arrested last week, as was her twin sister Jennifer, Duke's aunt. Jackee was first booked on suspicion of child neglect for not reporting Duke missing. But on Monday, both Jackee and Jennifer was officially charged with first-degree murder. They are being held without bail at the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga.

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# **BREAKING: Detectives believe Duke Flores was placed in dumpster; search starts at Victorville Landfill**

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Police search the Victorville Landfill for the body of Duke Flores. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The search for 6-year-old Duke Flores led investigators to the Victorville City landfill early Monday morning, where they believe his body will be found.

Shortly before 8:00 am, on Monday, April 29, 2019, the Bernardino County Sheriffs Department along with Search and Rescue arrived at the Victorville City landfill at 18600 Stoddard Wells Road.

At about 9:00 am, two separate fire engines, one from **San Bernardino County Fire** and another from Apple Valley Fire Protection District were seen driving into the dump.

According to a witness, authorities were seen searching an area near the top of the landfill with an excavator and sheriff's dogs searching through the trash.

"Homicide Detectives, Sheriff's department volunteers, and landfill personnel are actively searching the landfill in Victorville for the body of Duke Flores," stated the Apple Valley Police Department via Twitter.

"Following investigative leads, detectives believe that Duke was placed in a dumpster," the Department said.

This is a developing story and information will be updated as it becomes available.

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