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**MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY IS MAY 25TH – CRIME STOPPERS ACCEPTS ANONYMOUS TIPS
YEAR-ROUND FOR ANY MISSING CHILD'S WHEREABOUTS**

Vancouver, B.C. (May 25, 2026): When a child goes missing, the reasons why and where they went are often subject to guesswork.

Some missing children are runaways; others may have been taken away by someone. Either way, family members and police never give up hope that one day, children like these may be found.

Each May 25th is officially recognized in Canada and internationally as **Missing Children's Day**. The aim is to raise awareness about the long-term disappearance of children, and to highlight ongoing cases that remain under investigation, even if they date back decades.

The Missing Children Society of Canada (MCSC) works with police across the country to make sure missing children are never forgotten, and to remind anyone with information they have to come forward.

"Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers also recognizes Missing Children's Day with a reminder that anyone wishing to provide information about the whereabouts of a missing child may do so ANONYMOUSLY by calling Crime Stoppers," said Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "If your circumstances make it difficult to call police directly, you can always call us at Crime Stoppers 24/7. Your identity is not known to us or anyone else. It's a totally safe way to give us a piece of information police might be needing to locate a missing child."

Here are eight children missing from Metro Vancouver and Victoria. All have been missing weeks, months, or even decades (*SOURCE: [Missing Children Society of Canada](#)*).

Malcolm Gerbrand – Abbotsford (Highstreet Mall)

Missing one month - since: April 26, 2026

Age when disappeared: 14

Hair: Blonde/Eyes: Blue

(Abbotsford Police)

Brittany Stalman - Delta (missing 19 years)

Missing Since: November 13, 2006

Age when disappeared: 17

Gender: girl/Ethnicity: Caucasian

(Delta Police)

Kai Pavlovic - Burnaby (missing eight months)

Missing Since: October 01, 2025

Age when disappeared: 11

Gender: not listed/Ethnicity: not listed

(Burnaby RCMP)

Krzysztof Syrzycki – Coquitlam (missing 24 years)

Missing Since: June 29, 2002

Age when disappeared: 16

Gender: boy/Ethnicity: not listed

(Coquitlam RCMP)

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Michael Hammond – Richmond (missing 34 years)**Missing Since: November 24, 1991**

Age when disappeared: 16

Gender: boy/Ethnicity: Caucasian

(Richmond RCMP)

Andrew Pasztor – Richmond (missing 41 years)**Missing Since: February 04, 1985**

Age when disappeared: 17

Gender: boy/Ethnicity: Caucasian

(Richmond RCMP)

Michael Dunahee – Victoria (missing 35 years)**Missing Since: March 24, 1991**

Age when disappeared: 4

Gender: boy/Ethnicity: Caucasian

(Victoria Police)

Joanne Pedersen – Chilliwack (Missing 43 years)**Missing Since: February 19, 1983**

Age when disappeared: 10

Gender: girl/Ethnicity: Caucasian

(Chilliwack RCMP)

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators. Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers' downloadable **"P3" smartphone app**, calling Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477**, online at solvecrime.ca, or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#).

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest, a charge, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns, or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Find MVCS on X: [@solvecrime](#), Instagram: [metrovancovercrimestoppers](#) and You Tube: [@metrovancovercrimestoppers](#).

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