

Mother searches for teen missing in MT

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTHI) - Three Wabash Valley teens remain missing in Montana

On July 15th, two teenagers from Olney and Normal, Illinois ran away from a children's ranch for troubled teens in Montana.

Just 10 days later, two more boys took off, another boy from Olney and one from Terre Haute.

Now another mother speaks out as her son remains missing.

Sixteen-year-old Chance Salyers, 14-year-old Cody Thompson both of Olney Illinois, 15-year-old Thom Morson of Terre Haute, and 17-year-old Adam Irvin of Normal Illinois all lived at Pinehaven Children's Christian Ranch in Montana.

News 10 learned Adam Irvin of Normal, Illinois was caught by police on Wednesday in Kalispell, Montana several miles north of where he and Chance Salyers ran away during a camping trip.

However, police said shortly after they caught Irvin, he took off again on his way to juvenile court.

On Friday, News 10 also discovered Irvin is no longer on the missing person's database of Montana. After numerous calls to several police departments officials said no arrest has been made on Irvin.

While it's unclear why Irvin is off the list, the three other Wabash Valley boys remain on the missing person's website.

Cody Thompson's mother Laraine Cornwell of Olney, Illinois is in Montana searching for answers.

She said Cody was dealing with a lot of changes at the ranch before he went missing.

"He moved from one house to another and he got told he was going to stay another four years," Thompson's mother Laraine Cornwell said. "That's the only reason why I think Cody left."

Ever since the boys went missing, more questions have been raised about how Pinehaven treats the children and how the facility is run.

A CBS affiliate station in Missoula, Montana talked to a former Pinehaven resident who said the ranch is very strict.

"You talk to your parents 15 minutes a week and a lot of times your house parent is listening on the phone to what you're discussing so you can't talk about everything you want to talk about," former Pinehaven resident Jackie Ganhon said. "A kid can not tell their parents if they want to come home or what's really happening"

It's important to note that in Montana it is not illegal for juveniles to run away.

Lake County Sheriff's Department told News 10 that children have run away before from Pinehaven, but usually come back within that day or two. Officials said the children are never gone for this long.

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