

COLD CASE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: NEW SKETCH, TIP LINE, AND REWARD LAUNCHES FOR MISSING CHILD JEFFREY DUPRES

Around Christmastime every year, Denise McKee wishes for just one thing: closure. In 1980 her son, 3-year-old Jeffrey Dupres, was abducted from their yard in Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada.

"Jeffrey was a bright and energetic toddler who loved his new tricycle and was thrilled with his first best friend. And then he just disappeared," said McKee.

On December 15, McKee launched a holiday appeal to promote a new age progression sketch, tip line, and reward for information funded by her GoFundMe campaign.

"I understand the absurdity of a grey-haired woman still looking for her toddler," said McKee, who turned 68 this year. "But the reality is he was never found, and until then, we will leave no stone unturned."

UK-based Forensic Artist, Tim Widden, used images of Jeffrey's brothers and the family's health history to create an age progression sketch to show how Jeffrey would like today, age 45.

"Age progressions are a great tool for drawing public attention to a case that has run cold. Without active leads from existing witnesses or physical evidence, they are often a last chance to appeal for new information from the public," said Widden.

The sketch has been printed on 500 posters and is being distributed across Canada by almost 50 volunteers from McKee's community Facebook page.

"We don't know where Jeffrey is. He could be anywhere in Canada or the US, in fact anywhere in the world. The more people who can see his image the better chance we have of finding out what happened," said McKee.

Tips can be submitted to Slave Lake RCMP by phone 780-849-3999 or on our confidential tip line where a \$5,000 reward is offered for information leading to Jeffrey's whereabouts.