



Kentucky Man Missing In Mexico

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HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. – A Kentucky family is living a nightmare as they wait for any word about their loved one missing in Mexico. They are only holding on to hope that he's alive.

It has been 25 days since the family of James Stacy has heard anything about his whereabouts, and even then it was through his captors.

Forty-seven-year-old James Stacy had just graduated from Hopkinsville Community College when he decided to drive his black pick-up truck down to Mexico to spend Christmas with his girlfriend.

After more than a month there he left her behind in San Luis Potosi, but on his way home only got as far Ciudad Victoria.

"On his way back that's when the incident happened," his younger brother, John, said Tuesday.

All the family knows is James was talking with his friend Carlos on his cell phone when someone started following him.

"Basically states that there's two trucks following him. He's scared. He doesn't know what to do," John said. "Right before the phone call ended Carlos heard a bang."

The family hired private investigator Rich Liebe of Attention To Detail Investigations who said Stacy was headed to Matamoros just across the border from Brownsville, Texas and likely ran a checkpoint.

"We think he got lost and got on a road he wouldn't normally have been traveling on because it was dark," Liebe said.

Hours after Stacy's capture his friends were able to speak with him on speakerphone, but it was the last time anyone has heard from him.

"Are you with good people? Do they have military uniforms on? Are you ok? And he said yes," Liebe recalled.

In the days after that last phone call someone used Stacy's bank card to drain his account. The family said whoever has him can keep the money, his truck or anything else-- they just want him back.

They aren't sure if Stacy is being held by Mexican authorities, or a cartel. Help from the U.S. Embassy and FBI so far haven't given them any answers.

"He's alive, but we're very concerned where he may be or what kind of conditions he may be in right now," John Stacy said. "We just want him home."

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