

Timeline:

2004 Adopted from Russia with sister: Irena (11), Vladek (5) Pushkin (born), Yegoryevsk (orphanage) Russia

2018 US Marines- graduated from boot camp & was later given a desk job in CA that he did not enjoy.

Summer 2019: Vladek advised his family that he “found a way to get honorably discharged” due to his early childhood trauma from Russia. Told his family that “Failure to adapt” was the official disposition. Vladek/Dad has a copy of discharge paperwork, and the family gave that to LE. Unknown if LE tried to get access to full records. After leaving the Marines, Vladek goes to live with his dad for a few months.

After temporary stay with dad, Vladek moves in with his sister, Cari in Michigan – Jan 2020. Holds a job in Southfield, MI - worked as Environmental Services technician at St. John Providence Hospital Southfield. Vladek loved this job & prospered here. All is well until COVID. The pandemic causes unavoidable financial problems & disruption in the household. Daycares close due to COVID and Cari is a single mother so she was forced to take a leave of absence from her job to take care of her daughter – Vlad continues to work and support the three of them during this time. They move Nashua, NH a few months later – Vlad gets fired from job and moves back to Florida to live with his dad.

Summer 2020: moved to Florida & lives with dad and wife (not bio mom). There is tension due to Vladek not having a job & contributing to household finances. Dad does not want to aggravate what he observes as a possible depression growing within Vladek. They decide to leave (Dad later gets a divorce)

Sept 2020-Nov 2020: They stay in a few hotels

Nov 2020: Dad & Vladek move into the apartment at “The Place at Alayfa” 11600 MacKay Blvd, Orlando, FL 32826

Over the course of 2021: He spoke frequently about how eventually he wanted to go off and live in the woods, but he said he wouldn’t do that until after his dad had passed away. Vladek didn’t want to leave his dad alone or for his dad to be blamed (by the family or anyone else) for him leaving. Vladek developed an increased interest in religion & Heaven. Made comments “What is the point if we can just be in Heaven?” Vladek also switches from being a more materialistic person to wanting minimalism -

states things of this world are just a distraction from heaven. He seems to lack motivation and purpose and starts to spend more time & money on the homeless population. He really enjoys making people feel important, loved & heard. He gives extremely large tips to servers at restaurants, hands cash to the needy & buys things for anyone that appears to have a need. On one occasion he even gives his credit card to a homeless couple to use and they take advantage of his generosity.

Sep/Oct 2021: His new set of ideals regarding "things of this world being a distraction from Heaven" seem to take a firmer hold. He believes his iPhone is a distraction. It is around this time that he told his dad that broke it on purpose and throws his iPhone away & gives his tablet to Bethany. Vladek didn't want to get a phone to replace the iPhone - Dad insists Vladek at least carry a flip phone for safety.

11/3/21-Wed- Vlad is driving dad's car and it breaks down at Waterford Lakes Plaza near Fresh Kitchen. Vlad walks back to the apartment. Vladek is upset about it & worries that dad will be mad. Dad completely understands & agrees that the car is old and the engine can be replaced.

11/4/21- Thur- car towed to mechanic - remains there until dad picks it up on 11/15/21

11/4/21 According to acquaintance/friend- staff from "Smokey Bones" Vlad called him "a few nights before he went missing" & asked him if he could "crash for a night or two at his house". Phone records show an outgoing call to a number believed to be this person on 11/4 at 7:13pm was a 5minute call.
(this info was rec'd 4/9/22)

11/4/21 Thurs PM - Vladek makes comments to my dad about archangels and demons and how you have to be dark to kill the dark (I assume this is what he was listening to on YouTube) - per dad he wasn't making a lot of sense.

11/5/21- Fri- Dad (Steve) leaves with Vlad's mom (Cheryl) to meet Bethany and her friends in Tennessee for Bethany's birthday. This is a scheduled 10-day trip. Vladek was invited to go along for the trip, said he preferred to stay home. (not uncommon for him to back out on things last minute) Steve gives Vlad \$100 cash and a credit card. He also offers to buy more groceries, but Vladek believes there is enough food in the house & declines. Dad tells Vladek that he is expecting a package to arrive while he is

out of town, ask's Vladek to bring it inside when it arrives – Vladek says he will.

(Newly received information 4/7/22)

11/5/21- Fri-8pm EST. Shortly after dad leaves Friday evening, Vladek apparently walked to Foxtail Coffee on University Blvd. He bought a coffee and was pacing inside the establishment while listening to music with his headphones (Foxtail says this is a normal behavior for him to do when he comes in). While he was there, he reportedly pulled out a knife (placed it on a table I think?). A customer sees this, feels uncomfortable and tells Foxtail worker that Vladek was making him feel uncomfortable and was going to leave – didn't mention the knife to Foxtail worker. Customer comes back to Foxtail later that night and tells Foxtail worker that he also saw Vladek with a knife – Vladek had since left so they couldn't address it at that time. Foxtail manager states none of the employee's witnessed the knife incident and there was not surveillance footage of the encounter
**This was previously unknown & the trespass incident was believed to have actually occurred the following morning.

11/6/21- Sat 01:59 am EST– Vladek has a 6 min call with Irena, his biological sister (he calls her). She later says he gave her no clues he was going to be going anywhere. It is not unusual for them to chat at very late hours.

11/6/21- Sat 07:11 am EST Vladek arrives back at Foxtail. Foxtail makes the decision to call LE and have Vladek permanently trespassed because of the customer's complaint from the night before - he displayed a weapon (corporate zero tolerance policy) Vladek calmly left when the officer asked and appeared to be walking west toward Wawa convenience store. OCSO originally tells the family Vladek was trespassed for being "hypervocal"/ no mention of a knife.

This is the LAST official sighting/proof of life that is 100% verifiable (due to police response & Foxtail video) ⚠️ He was wearing a black hoodie, khaki shorts and red slides/sandals ⚠️ (timestamp later provided by Foxtail)

11/6/21 Sat- The officer notes the time of 08:26 am EST on the trespass warning. It is presumed Vladek walked away towards Wawa at approximately this time.

11/6/21-Sat 12:01pm Unread text rec'd from a phone number that had never previously called or texted the new flip phone. Message reads "Vlad, it's OB from the bak (SIC) of the neighborhood". Vladek did not read this text. No further activity by Vladek on the phone after the 01:59 am EST call with sister, Irena. All text messages on his phone were unread from that day on, phone was found in Vladek's bedroom near a charger cord – but it was not charged - Phone picked up by OCSO on 11/18 or 11/19

11/8/21- Mon at 2pm? –a box is delivered to dad's apartment at the Place at Alafaya per online tracking number. Attempting to officially verify date & time with corporate. This box is still sitting outside the apartment when Steve gets home from Tennessee on 11/15/21. Family collectively agrees that if Vladek was home, he would have brought this package inside as promised. Dad also noted that upon his return from Tennessee: it did not appear as though any food or drinks had been consumed, were missing from the fridge and no dirty dishes were present. Dad stated that it was like Vladek hadn't stayed there at all during the time he was away.

11/12/21- Friday –a maintenance worker states that he saw Vladek near the basketball court in the apartment complex and spoke with him for about five minutes. The package by dad's apartment front door would have been visible from this location & present from approximately 11/8/21--on. Did the maintenance worker get the day mixed up?

11/15/21- Monday –3am – Vladek reportedly went to someone else's apartment in the complex (weed dealer possibly?) and said he was "going off grid."

11/15/21- Monday- Dad comes home around 4pm EST after picking up the car from the repair shop on his way home. Vladek wasn't home, his cell phone was dead in his bedroom with the charger cord nearby. Dad waited until Wed. 11/17/21 to report him missing because he told Vladek he'd be back on Tuesday night, so he thought Vladek would show up by then.

11/17/21- Wednesday - Bethany reports Vladek missing. Dad and Bethany posts flyers immediately with Dad's phone number on it for tips.

11/18/21- Thursday Family asks apartment complex for video. The only camera feeds available were in the gym & laundry room. Footage only preserved for 7 days: apartment complex says they will review and allow OCSO to review as well.

11/19/21-Friday Search officially begins at nighttime: (Per Bethany on FB) chopper overhead/K9 dog is also there. It was raining.

11/19/21 OSCO Posts to social media

11/20/21 Door to door canvass by patrol locates the 11/15/21 "witness" that states Vladek stopped by at 03:00 am talking about going off the grid. Police also used thermal/infrared heat drones to search.

(note this "sighting" is not at all included in the OCSO timeline as his "last seen") Police are on scene from 11am-to at least 11:30pm.

Late November 2021 OCSO show dad a picture of a sandal they found in the woods during their search, it was a red slide shoe (only one found) Dad told LE that Vladek owned those type of shoes but didn't remember a red pair.

12/20/21 Vladek has 23rd birthday

1/9/21 Approached by Night Owl Reconnaissance a 501(c) nonprofit search organization offering their help with Vladek's search

1/21/21 Night Owl updates family regarding they are internally discussing logistics of the Video Game Console Data Review – started planning how to go about gaining access playstation account/device.

2/11/22 Vlad's PlayStation is shipped to Night Owl Reconnaissance in an attempt to obtain further intelligence. Vladek may have communicated with others while gaming. Vladek frequently watched YouTube videos (unknown content) either through an app on this console or his SmartTv. No further info at this time.

2/12 or 2/13- between 10am-noon---Possible sighting at Foxtail. Customer reported an earlier incident to management. Family reported having previously seen a man, having a possible manic episode, near the Foxtail

dumpster. On the day they saw this individual, they reported it to the workers who said they would call OCSO. The man was reportedly talking to himself in a very animated fashion. Subject may have been wearing a white top & light-colored pants. He was also barefoot. Customers spoke to the employees about him and left. He was later observed by the same family leaving Foxtail towards Wawa on foot.

**Foxtail manager later tells the family (on 4/8/22) that they do not believe the person observed in February was Vladek, as they are all very familiar with him. No police were called at the time because the person walked away. No video of this incident was available (or preserved)

2/24/22- Family has debriefing with LE. On this day they find out that there is an OCSO employee victim's advocate that is available to them who is currently in the room. They are also given back Vlad's flip phone and Dad's laptop (shared, but Vlad hadn't used in approx. year). Sister, Bethany is shown picture of red slide shoe - she is told on this day that the shoe has been sent out for DNA testing. Bethany told LE that those are the types of shoes Vladek wears but doesn't remember a red pair. It is also on this day that Bethany asks a female detective assigned to the case if Vladek's iPhone records can be requested from Apple for more information & was told they did not. *Vladek had used that iPhone up to possibly one month prior to his disappearance on 11/6.

4/7/22 Billboards go up

4/7/22 Foxtail manager update mentioned above (trespass details, the presence of an manager's video (being provided to LE)

4/9/22 Foxtail Coffee Manager provides the family with a still frame from the video taken on the morning of 11/6/21 @ 07:00 am EST. This picture shows Vladek arriving at Foxtail Coffee & clearly shows his clothing & shoes. Despite the family previously not recalling if Vladek owned red slides, he is in fact wearing red slides. This is the last known picture of Vladek (as far as the family knows)

4/9/22- Updates from family that visited the area today:

Foxtail manager: *Stated Vladek introduced himself as Bryan (his legal name) and was known by employee's as "Bryan". Manager said there were times that Vladek paced in the store for several hours, times where he wore headphones "blasting the music and singing out loud", and times he would*

sit at the corner tables. If he was asked to quiet down, he would always comply with no issues. He states there were many times that Bryan would make customers nervous and they would mention it to the staff. Manager stated that he spoke with "Bryan" several times and he "got the impression he was struggling". Manager stated that Vladek said he was "sleep deprived".

**** Foxtail Coffee has asked to limit their communication on Vladek's missing person case to immediate family members, police, and investigators only.*

Smokey Bones employee & friend of Vlad: Spoke with XXXX at Smokey Bones. XXXX says he was "more of an acquaintance than a friend". He stated he had known Vladek for about six months, and there was a two-month break during that time. He states he only met with him outside of work once, when Vladek drove him to a pawn shop to pawn a guitar. He stated that he would see Vlad about once a week at Smokey Bones. Vlad never ordered alcohol and would drink sweet tea. Vlad once invited him to steak dinner with his dad, but XXXX declined. He stated Vladek said he ate out a lot with his dad. XXXX described his personality as "upbeat and energetic" and a little different. XXXX also mentioned that Vlad had asked him to "crash for a night or two at his house" a few nights before he went missing. XXXX declined Vlad's request, because he had a gf and didn't feel comfortable with this. He also stated that during the last month, Vladik went from wanting to preach the Bible and have a pilgrimage to saying he wanted to sing.

4/10/22- Update from Dad to Bethany. "The search group from Ft. Meyers experienced a stumbling block when the Sheriff's office said they would not be on scene for a search. The search group states they need the Sheriff's Office present in order to do their search. The Fort Myers Search Team recommended another organization to try."(name redacted) Dad is following up with that coordinator. (11am Monday call scheduled)

Main take aways -

- He was not a student at UCF or any other nearby campus. However - the apartment complex they live at is very close to UCF.
- Vladek was not working at the time he disappeared – was being financially supported by my dad.
- He has a Facebook and Instagram but they are blank...he never posted on them/used them. There is a chance he could have used them for messaging but I can't gain access to his accounts so I am unable to find that out.

- His limited online presence was playing his PlayStation and watching YouTube videos via a smart TV, still trying to gain access to those accounts to see who he was following and if he was messaging anyone on those platforms
- He wasn't into the party scene or drugs/alcohol...the most he has tried was weed.
- He is well recognized at the businesses/restaurants he would frequent on University Blvd, Alafaya Trail, and Waterford Lakes Plaza due to his generosity and friendly personality. He spent his free time helping people in need, he would give money to homeless individuals and have lunch with them/long conversations at restaurants and cover their check. He has a huge heart for people and will strike up conversations with people that he met, he wanted to make sure they felt heard and that they mattered.
- We adopted him and his biological sister, Irena, from Russia when he was 5 years old but he has no contacts with anyone there. He did express a general interest in going back at some point but he doesn't have a current passport - the only thing I know about his biological parents is that they had a history of alcohol abuse.
- Vladek shared a car with my dad - had access to it the majority of the time, the rare times he couldn't use the car (If my dad had to go out of town for a doctor's appt) he would walk to places, ie: businesses on University. He has never used public transportation around the apartment complex to the family's knowledge.
- He has never gone more than a couple days without reaching out to someone in the family. If he was in the right frame of mind at the time of his disappearance he would at least told his biological sister, Irena, that he is okay and not to worry - which he did not.