

<p>Dear Steven Koecher:</p> <p>Please remember that NOTHING could make your family and friends love you any less. Nothing.</p> <p>Please call home or email your cousin KC Naegle!</p>	<p>HEAR Steven</p> <p>Thanks to Steven's friend gsmith, who uploaded radio podcast Steven's April 2008 song I Never Felt. That's Talent!</p>
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Steven Koecher Disappearance

Timeline and Resources



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 Henderson Nevada Police: (702) 267-5000
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Background: Just before noon PST on Dec 13th, 2009, an image of Steven Koecher's vehicle was captured by a home security system. The vehicle is seen driving west on Savannah Springs Ave (in the Overlook Village subdivision of Anthem Sun City) in Henderson, Nevada. A few minutes later, that same camera captures a male figure walking east on Savannah Springs. Another camera view shows the same man walking east and then (apparently) turning north on Evening Lights until he disappears out of camera range. Steven Koecher has not been seen since, nor has he communicated with friends or family.

This timeline uses reputable sources to develop the sequence of events. So far, it has not provided a solution. Please read it. Maybe YOU can be the answer!

Steven's educational and professional background:

- 2001 - 2003: AA (General), BYU Idaho (Rexburg)
- 2003 - 2005: BA, Mass Communication, University of Utah, K-UTE Student Radio
- Sep 2003 — May 2004: Intern to Utah Governor's Press Secretary (source: [LinkedIn](#))
 - Summer 2005: FedEx terminal (per gsmith)
- Sep 2005 — Feb 2007: Stringer for Davis County Clipper [[8 stories](#)]. See also [LinkedIn](#)

NOTE: Steven sometimes appeared in print as [\[Steve Thell\]](#)

 - Mar 2007 - Jul 2008: Salt Lake Tribune online edition (see [SL Trib](#))
 - Oct 2008 - May 2009: Matchbin.com in SLC and St George, Utah (see [LinkedIn](#))
 - Unk - Dec 2009: Temporary job: [Travis' Window & Blind Cleaning](#).

LINKS:

- Henderson/St George Police Departments' joint public service announcement [[VIDEO](#)]
 - [Scroll down to the bottom of this page, for MORE information and pictures!](#)
- Security videos and map of where car was later found, have been moved to the Dec 13th area of the timeline (below), so that you view them all in context.
 - Websleuths: Please post your media contacts [here](#).
 - Other links are embedded in the timeline itself.

IMPORTANT

Steven has an unusual birth mark on his left side.
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2009 TIMELINE | [Go To 2010 Timeline](#)

For reference: [Naegle's original timeline](#).

DATE	LOCATION	Time (MST)	Time (PST)	EVENT
Apr 2009	St George, UT			Steven (SK) moves to St George, while still selling advertising for matchbin.com; the company may have asked him to go down there. (Source: KC Naegle, "KCN") <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven and JRZ (not friends) separately rent a bedroom in and share living space in THIS HOME.
May 2009	St George, UT			Matchbin notifies SK that "it's just not working out" and lets him go (source: KCN). Later finds temp employment with Travis' Window & Blind Cleaning. This flyer (or similar) was visible inside the abandoned car, eventually leading to notification of Steven's family.
Tue Oct 6	Cedar City, UT	-		At the Fall session of the Shakesperean Festival, Steven's grandmother gives him a check, but it's never cashed.
End-Oct	St George, UT			JRZ (who co-rented the home SK lived in) moved out the middle of November, leaving rent unpaid, evidence of drug usage and taking some of the landlord's personal property (Steven was a witness that things were taken.) JRZ and SK were not friends. [stillLooking] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK had complained to the landlord several times about Z eating his food and leftovers. • Steven did not, however, complain to the landlord about Z's drug use in the home although he did tell his family.
Fri Nov 14	Woods Cross, UT			Wedding reception; MR saw and spoke to him briefly (Source: MR on FB)
Sat Nov 15	Bountiful, UT			Birthday party with his immediate family, at the family home. (Source: KCN)
Thu Nov 26	WVC, Bountiful, WVC UT			Thanksgiving. SK played volleyball in West Valley City (WVC) in the morning, lunch/dinner in Bountiful, then back to WVC in the evening for pie. (Source: KCN)
Fri Nov 27	St George, UT			"[SK] came to our house on November 27 to help us put up Christmas decorations." Paul Doxey on FB.
Mon Nov 30	St George, UT			SK attended gamily home evening activity (Temple lights) (source: KCN)
Dec First week				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to reach Steven about three months' rent due, landlord calls SK's parents (listed as contacts on the rental application) and leaves a voicemail. "DH had mentioned

				(...as contrasted with the rather opportunity and notes a "mistake" on the minutes to me that Steven seemed quite a bit younger than he really was." [stillLooking 1 and 2]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "[SK] was a few months behind on rent but he was working with [my husband] on a plan to catch it up." (Source: landlady) "That's DH, he was trying to work with Steve and Steve had paid a little bit, he had been paying some part of the utilities to help keep them on. And making promises and plans to catch up the rent." [stillLooking]
Sat Dec 5	St George, UT			Second time SK acted as "roadie" for RoxDox band. Everything appropriate. (Source: Paul Doxey on FB)
Sun Dec 6	St George, UT			At church, made appt with SS to hometeach her on Dec 13th at 7pm (source: KCN)
Mon Dec 7	St George, UT			SK attends church Christmas dinner [Pictures 10 & 11], sat by GW and SS; gave SS some of his business cards to display at her work. (Source: SS on FB) Makes hometeaching appointment. Later: during the Apr 10th search, Mrs K tells several searchers that Steven didn't stay long at this party, and had left "abruptly".
Tue Dec 8	St George, UT			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SK "works as a window washer" (per his mother, at later family press conference) and is seen by his boss, Travis Hansen (TH) (per KCN). TH gives SK \$100 (unknown if on this date, but "just before he disappeared" according to KCN). This is important, because this places Steven in St George during daylight hours. There's no time for a drive to Ruby Valley (543 miles) with a noon MST arrival time.
Wed Dec 9		?	?	BigTexasTom: "I posted on his FB account, asking for his St George address so I could send him a Christmas card."
		?	?	SK and his sister talk. No mention of travel/plans (Source: sister LKB on FB). We don't know if temple visit was mentioned.
	St George, Utah	6:30pm to @ 8:00pm	5:30pm to @ 7:00pm	<p>1--"The last time I saw him was around the 9th of December (I think) at ward temple night." (CL on FB)</p> <p>2--"Ward temple night in December was on the 9th. *We did sealings at 6:30 pm.... Yes, he was [there]. He was in the same session as I." (Susi L/BH 7th FB)</p> <p>3-- "... it was December 9th at 6:30 and that Steven was one of three males that attended is as credible as they come." (Ultra-reliable source via Renn on WS)</p> <p>This is important, because it firmly places Steven in St George at his temple, at 6:30pm. A Ruby Valley trip this date would require driving 543 miles in 4.5 hours (avg 121 mph) to arrive back in St George before 6:30pm, temple-ready.</p>
		Later	Later	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SK and his dad talk about the back rent; SK says he's buying groceries at the time (Walmart?, since that's the brand of groceries later found in the kitchen?) This is the call that ends with SK saying "Oh, Dad....", originally reported as occurring during the "first week". The family (with access to the phone and bank records), believes it occurred this date. "...call from Steve's dad to Steve was the day after they got the message. All within the first week of Dec." (Paraphrasing) SK's dad Rolf hears landlord's message, calls SK. SK says he's buying groceries (later found in his apartment). SK, apparently upset about the subject of the call, hangs up on his dad. (Source: stillLooking on WS). NOTE: The family (with access to the phone records) believes this call actually occurred on Dec 9th.
Begin late Dec 9 or early Dec 10	St George, UT	ETD 2:15am *	1:15am	Starting some time after ward temple night, Steven began driving to Ruby Valley, Nevada. This MAP is based on Steven's home address, destination, and receipts/bank records. Thanks to Lato for collaborating on this logic. Estimated departure time (EDT) , extrapolated using Microsoft Streets & Trips software, is the latest SK could have left St George to arrive (ETA) in Ruby Valley by 11am. Related bank records and receipts found in car used to build this sequence. *
	Salt Lake City, UT	ETA 6:45am	5:45am	Miles driven so far: 302 (approx). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$13.10 purchase Maverik gas/C-store (CC posted to bank account on 12/11/2009)
		9:20am	8:20am	BigTexasTom: [No response to FB contact].... "so I texted him at 10:20 am (CST)...he didn't respond to that either." (Source: BigTexasTom on WS)
	West Wendover, NV	9:45am	ETA 8:45am	Miles driven so far: 429 (approx). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$33.13 purchase at Pilot Travel Center (CC posted to bank account on 12/10/2009, could not have occurred later)
	Ruby Valley, NV	12:00pm - 2:00pm	ETA 11:00am ETD 1:00pm	Miles driven so far: 543 (approx). Unexpectedly, SK shows up at AN's family's ranch. (SK and AN met at their SLC ward "a couple of years ago" and SK had attended a cattle-branding at the ranch on Apr 26, 2008.) AN wasn't there, but her family invited him to stay for lunch. The visit lasted a "couple of hours". He mentioned going to Sacramento to visit friends/family. (Source: AN on FB.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On FB, AN reports her mother said this occurred Dec 8th. But as noted above, Steven worked during daylight hours on this date. Later, KC's and AN's moms (per KCN) decide this must have happened on Dec 9th. As noted above, Steven was at the St George temple at 6:30pm that date (the two moms did not know that, at this time - nor at the time of the later family press conference).
		3:44pm	2:44pm	Phone records. Phone call from sister. No mention of travels. Sister later reports that there are no friends or family in Sacramento. (Source: sister LKB on FB)
	Salt Lake City, UT	ETA 4:40pm	3:40pm	Miles driven so far: 784 (approx). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$7.30 purchase at Tesoro gas/C-store (CC posted to bank account on 12/14/2009)
	Springville, UT	ETA 5:25pm	4:25pm	Miles driven so far: 831 (approx). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$32.88, Flying J Travel Plaza, 460 N 1750 W, Springville, UT (dated paper CC receipt found in car)
		6:56pm	5:56pm	Phone records. Incoming call from SK's mother. She reports SK plans to come home for Christmas and seems upbeat, despite debts and job problems [SL Trib link, now dead]. They discuss finances, and subsequently deposits money into bank account to help with the rent [SL Trib link, now dead]. SK never used the money she deposited for him.
	Nephi, UT	ETA 6:14pm ACT 7:24pm	6:24pm	Miles driven so far: 869 (approx). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping software estimated 6:14pm arrival 7:24pm is the ACTUAL time on a \$3.64 cash receipt from Taco Time, 1155 E Hwy 132, Nephi, UT Difference: 1 hour, 10 minutes. Not much time to do anything else.
	St George, UT	ETA 11:13pm	10:13pm	End Valley trip. Total miles driven: 1091 (approx). IF SK pulled over to sleep (he should have!), he'd have arrived in St George later than this. We have no other sighting until mid-afternoon on Dec 11th.
Fri Dec 11	St George, UT	3:00pm	2:00pm	While passing out flyers, SK comes across two locked-out children; he helped them look for the key, then called their mother (from his cellphone), then found a place where they could get warm. (Source: nearly all early reports.)

	St George, UT	?	?	Purchase: \$3.21 Jack-In-The-Box, 775 W Telegraph St, Washington, UT. No receipt but bank record shows transaction date 12/11/2009. (Source: KCN)
	St George, UT	?	?	Steven's LDS Bishop CC later says "...he spoke to Koecher two days before his disappearance and said he was upbeat and looking for work." [SL Tribune] This may be when CC promised to find SK a job "by January" [Deseret News]
Sat Dec 12	Near Overton, NV	9:19am	8:19am	Steven's phone hits off a cell tower near Overton.
	Mesquite, NV	5:04pm	4:04pm	Receipt: \$18.08 Mesquite-Mart Shell, 910 W Mesquite Blvd?. "He bought snacks and (6.07 gal) gas at pump 8." (Source: KCN)
		5:04pm - 7:58pm	4:04pm - 6:58pm	This is an approximate three hour gap between SK's gas purchase in Mesquite and the K-Mart purchase in St George., yet it's only about a 45 minute drive. Where was SK between these two events?
	St George, UT	7:58pm	6:58pm	Receipt: K-Mart \$9.42 (1 baby girl bib, 4 /Christmas ornaments @ \$1 suitable for brother Matthew's family, later found in abandoned car). (Source: KCN and Deseret News)
	St George, UT	7:58pm - 10:00pm	6:58pm - 9:00pm	This is an approximate two hour gap between SK's K-Mart purchase and the next event (neighbor JS reportedly seeing him arrive home at 10:00pm MST). Where was SK between these two events?
	St George, UT	10:00-30 pm	9:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "John across the street said saw Steve & his car there for about 20 or 30 min and he was gone by 10:30 pm." [Nikayla]. • "The neighbor saw him/his car come home stay for a very short amount of time and leave at 10:30 pm. It is possible he came back home again later that evening and left early the next morning without the neighbors noticing." [stillLooking]
Sun Dec 13	Las Vegas, NV area	8:52am	7:52am	President GW calls Counselor Koecher, telling him that he's in Vegas and asks Steven to attend the 11:00am PEC meeting at the ward. Steven says he's in Vegas, but would attend if needed. Webb says he's enroute to St George himself, so will cover it himself. (Source: KCN/phone records/Webb/Doxey) Naegle later spoke to GW: "He went to Las Vegas on the 11th and spent the weekend with friends in the Vegas area. He headed home on Sunday(13th) morning. He called Steven because he wasn't going to be in St George in time for the planning meeting and wanted to see if he could cover. He called when he was on I-15 passing the raceway in Vegas. He continued home and made it to the normal church meetings at noon." Read more here . NOTE: AT&T billed two minutes for this call, based on their usage round-up formula which bills incremental minutes as the next full minute. This call hit on Pecos Tower, at the northern edge of the Vegas metro area: [tower hits map]
	Las Vegas, NV area	10:53am	9:53am	SK is scheduled to officiate at the 1pm church service, so Clerk Seth Abboud calls SK asking him to announce that the ward's first "church ball" game will be held Dec 16th. Steven says he can't, because he's in Vegas. [KCN on WS, 01-15-2010, 01:34 AM] NOTE: SA later confirms to us that Steven "never played" [01-15-2010, 11:28 PM] This call hit on Bermuda @ Cactus Tower, at the southern edge of the Vegas metro area: [tower hits map]
	St George, UT	11:15am	10:15am	Bloomington Hills 7th Ward , 1130 East Brigham Rd: @11:10am, Webb hasn't yet arrived at the PEC meeting, so Paul Doxey asks Clerk Abboud to call Counselor Koecher to see if he could attend (thinking pre-arranged?). "As far as we know, that was the last time anyone talked to Steve. He said that he couldn't make it to the meeting as he was in Vegas and couldn't get back in time." [PD on FB, Jan 15/8:45pm] . (Note: this call not on phone records.)
	St George, UT	12:00pm	11:00am	GW, having arrived back in St George from Las Vegas, attends the "normal church meetings at noon." [GW's statement to KCN] .
	Henderson, NV	12:54pm	11:54am	A home security system [CAM3 Video] records Steven's 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier driving west on Savannah Springs Ave, in the Overlook Village area of Sun City Anthem. The car parks HERE . This video continues to show the male figure walking away at noon. NOTE: the white SUV has been confirmed as a realtor showing the home she parked in front of [8newsnow]
	Henderson, NV	12:54pm	11:54am	Not shown on a video, the car is parked in the dead-end cul de sac at the west end of Savannah Springs Ave [MAP] .
	Henderson, NV	1:00pm	12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apparent last sighting: A male figure assumed to be SK, (clad per NCMA), walks east on Savannah Springs and crosses to walk north on Evening Lights St. This is recorded by a different camera (same security system) [CAM7 Video]. (Watch the minivan's windows for a reflection of the figure as he continues to walk north to the end of the cement-block wall.) • See also pictures the area the car was found in, taken by KCN and Fairy1 • Websleuther rd_jfc contacts TH, who confirms that SK would not have been passing out flyers, because his company did not service that area Post 295/Thread 12. TH also said that SK only helped earn rent money by passing out flyers, and did not wash windows himself.
	St George, UT	1:00pm	12:00pm	The Bloomington Hills 7th Ward's worship service begins, without Steven in attendance. (Source: KCN)
	St George, UT	7:00pm	6:00pm	Steven's appt to hometeach SS. "I didn't see him at church on [that day] to confirm the appointment, so I just figured he was out of town." (Source: SS on FB)
Mon Dec 14	"Las Vegas area"	7:04am morning	6:04am	Koecher's cell phone was last used in the Las Vegas area early ... to call his voicemail. (Source: KCN/St George police/Feb 16 Presser). Map of Steven's cell phone pings 12-14 Dec: CLICK HERE
	St George, UT			"The second time I peeked into his room was just before he went missing. We stayed at the house overnight and I think it was the Monday of the 14th. We were on our way back to Orem and I again just wanted to make sure he hadn't up and moved out. This time his room looked cleaned up. The bed was made and the piles were gone/put away. Things looked neat and tidy but it still looked like everything was there and he was still living there." [stilllooking]
Tue Dec 15	Henderson, NV			SC-Anthem HOA enforcement tries to find owner of an abandoned car. Steven's window-washing flyer is visible inside, so they call the phone number on it. Steven's boss answers and gives them Steven's cell number; the HOA leaves Steven a voicemail about the car. (source: KCN/swjaxon-KLAS)
Wed Dec 16	Henderson, NV			HOA parking authority leaves Steven's mother, Deanne, a message about the abandoned car. (source: KCN)
Thu Dec 17	Davis County, UT			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven's mother retrieves message.(source: KCN) • Steven is reported missing.
Dec	Henderson, NV			Family and LE searches in Henderson, Mesquite, St George. Family hires PIs. Compiled

18-24	Mesquite, NV St George, UT			<p>from direct family information and various later news reports: 1 2 3 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inside his abandoned car: advertising flyers, miscellaneous receipts, snack food, Christmas presents, shaving kit, coats, pillow(s), blanket(s). • Found in his apartment: his guitar, notebook computer, cell phone charger, recently-purchased groceries (including bread, family-sized peanut butter), unsent job applications. • Unaccounted for: His cell phone, keys, wallet, passport and driver's license. • Later found among his belongings: Steven's passport.
Thursday, Dec 24				<p>The first news story?The SL Trib reports one of their former employees is missing in the Vegas area. "Deanne Koecher said her son, who most recently was working as a private contractor washing windows and putting up Christmas displays, last talked to her on the telephone Dec. 10. She said he seemed upbeat, and had not recently expressed any feelings of depression, nor did he seem concerned about anything."</p>
Wed Dec 30	Henderson, NV			<p>Henderson PD, LV Metro Police and Nevada Center for Missing Loved Ones canvassed the neighborhood and surrounding desert with helicopters, search dogs and ATVs. Homes with Utah-registered cars were investigated. (Source: Deanne Koecher on FB)</p>
Thu Dec 31	Henderson, NV			<p>A door-to-door information and flyer handout campaign is held, as well as more helicopter/dog searches.</p>

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