

# **Ex-priest in Vatican pedophile case lived in Truckee**

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A defrocked Catholic priest now at the center of a Vatican pedophilia scandal is a former Truckee resident who in 2002 was investigated for possible connections to the 1988 disappearance of Amber Swartz – for whom Amber Alerts are named – and to the 1991 abduction of South Lake Tahoe resident Jaycee Lee Dugard.

In March 2002, police with cadaver dogs, backhoes and ground-penetrating sonar twice searched the Truckee vacation property of Stephen Kiesle and found nothing to connect him to the two young girls.

Those two cases have been closed and aren't related to the ex-priest, but in 2004 Kiesle pleaded no contest to a felony for molesting a young girl in his Truckee home in 1995 and was sentenced to six years in state prison.

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