

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 09-7237 (Lane County Sheriff's Office)
09-8757 (Springfield Police Department)

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 09-13-2009 / 4:00PM

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 09-16-2009 / 4:30PM

NATURE OF STORY: SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE In Search
For Endangered Missing Person

LOCATION: Blue River Area

Involved/Missing: Kellis, James Austin (photo attached)
DOB: 09-20-1972
Springfield, OR

DETAILS:

**Update on case status:* Mr. Kellis still has not been located and the Sheriff's Office continues to seek public assistance with information that may aid in the location of Kellis. The Sheriff's Office has received reports from the community that Kellis has been seen in the Blue River / McKenzie Bridge area. Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue personnel continue the search in that area pending additional information.

BACKGROUND:

Kellis was reported missing to the Springfield Police Department yesterday by family members. Kellis is described as mentally delayed. He was last seen wearing gray slacks, black shoes and a gray T-shirt with printing "Jesus Saves" on the front. Kellis is 6'4" tall, 295 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair.

Kellis apparently took an LTD bus from Springfield to the Blue River area on Sunday, September 13. He was last seen at 4:00 PM Sunday at the Holiday Farm Resort, 54455 McKenzie River Drive, where he requested a drink of water. Kellis has not returned home and his whereabouts are currently unknown.

Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue personnel, patrol staff and family members are continuing the search for Kellis in the Blue River area at this time.

Kellis is considered endangered and the Sheriff's Office is seeking any information from the public that may assist in locating him. Persons with information regarding Kellis are asked to call the Lane County Sheriff's Office or the Springfield Police Department.



James Austin Kellis, 09-20-1972

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