



TULARE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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****UPDATE****

75 year old Luis Medes Garcia was found near Highway 99 and the Interstate 5 yesterday just after 3:20 p.m. disoriented but in good spirits. He was found by two females who observed him stranded on the side of the road. They called emergency contacts numbers from his wallet, which in return family who had been contacted, called the Tulare Police Department to report his location. California Highway Patrol from the Bakersfield area was contacted and a request was made by the Tulare Police Department to check and confirm. California Highway Patrol quickly responded and confirmed the driver was in fact Mr. Garcia. He was taken to a local area hospital for treatment as a precautionary. He was later reunited with his family and turned over to their care.

Thank you to all who passed along this information.

****SILVER ALERT** AT RISK/MISSING****

On Wednesday March 16, 2016, 75-year old Luis Mendes Garcia was last seen in the 1500 block of East Bardsley Avenue in the city of Tulare. Mr. Garcia is described to be approximately 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighing approximately 170 pounds. He has brown eyes and short grey hair. He was last seen wearing a black and tan shirt with blue jeans.

Mr. Garcia was last seen in a 2008 grey Chevy Malibu with California license plate 6CUP033. He suffers from medical condition(s) and may become disoriented.

We are asking the public for assistance. If Mr. Garcia is located, we ask that you contact the Tulare Police Department at (559) 684-4290 or your local law enforcement agency. A "Silver Alert At Risk/Missing" broadcast was placed state wide on Mr. Garcia.

If you have information on the where about of Mr. Garcia, you can contact Detective Lonzo Anderson at (559) 684-4296. When further information or leads develop I will provide an additional press release. Please refer to the attachment for Mr. Garcia photo.

Andrew Garcia, Sergeant

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