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Media Release

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Re: Missing Endangered Adult -Silver Alert - Joan Kelly

Date: November 16, 2019

Silver Alert

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from our media partners and the community in locating a **MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT**.

Joan Kelly reportedly left her residence in Spring Hill (area of Deltona Boulevard/Bay Drive) in the afternoon hours on 11-15-19, stating she was going to see her son in Lakeland, Florida (Creekwater Drive).

Ms. Kelly was driving a 2015 white Toyota Camry, 4-door, bearing FL personalized tag/IMJFK.

As per her son, Ms. Kelly suffers from dementia.

Deputies have learned that the FHP had contact with Ms. Kelly just before 10 p.m., in Tarpon Springs (Shell Point Drive/US-19). During this contact she was pulled off the side of the road. She told the Trooper that she was lost and needed directions. The Trooper provided directions and she was on her way.

Deputies are attempting to contact the Trooper to determine where he gave her directions to. She is most likely still lost and could be driving, parked, or alongside the road, anywhere.

Joan Kelly's physical description is as follows:

White Female

Date of Birth – 03-09-38

Height – 5'6"

Weight – 140 lbs.

Hair – White

Eyes – Hazel

Last seen wearing – Unknown clothing.

If you have seen **Joan Kelly**, or know her current whereabouts, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or your local law enforcement agency.

Thank you.



The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and remains accountable to them.