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Media Release

From: **Denise M. Moloney**
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Re: **LOCATED - Missing Endangered Adult - Wilfredo Velez Valentin**

Date: **November 17, 2019**

Update – LOCATED

Mr. Valentin has been located.

He is safe, in good health, and with family members.

Thank you for all assistance.

Original Information

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

Wilfredo Velez Valentin left his residence in Spring Hill (area of Bayside Court and Ligonier Road) **on foot** just before 6 p.m. on 11-16-19.

Information obtained from surveillance cameras in the area reveals that Mr. Valentin walked west on Ligonier Road then turned north onto River Road.

Family members searched the general area for several hours before contacting law enforcement. Deputies have been on scene since approximately midnight and continue to search for Mr. Valentin, with the help of law enforcement canines.

As per family, Mr. Valentin suffers from dementia and takes medication for same.

Wilfredo Velez Valentin's physical description is as follows:
White Male

Date of Birth – 02-28-31
Height – 5'5"
Weight – 127 lbs.
Hair – Grey (short)
Eyes – Brown
Last seen wearing – Black long-sleeve shirt, brown pants, and a tan baseball cap.

If you have seen **Wilfredo Velez Valentin**, or know his 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.