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MEDIA RELEASE

From: Denise Moloney
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Re: Missing Endangered Adult – Richard Paquet – 2022-13058

Date: May 4, 2022

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

Richard Joseph Adolphe Paquet (and his wife) recently arrived in Florida, having driven from Nova Scotia, Canada.

On 05-03-22, Paquet was involved in a minor traffic crash in the City of Brooksville. Neither Paquet nor his wife were injured and he was able to drive his vehicle from the scene of the crash.

Sometime before midnight on 05-03-22, Paquet backed his vehicle, a pewter colored panel van, into a driveway at 4039 Companero Entra in Hernando Beach. The Paquet's do not know the people who live at this address.

The residents did not observe the van in the driveway until this morning, and contacted law enforcement at that time.

Upon arrival, deputies met with Paquet's wife. The wife, who appears to be disoriented, told deputies the couple stopped there last night to sleep. She went to sleep at approximately midnight, and when she went to sleep Richard was still in the van. When the wife awoke this morning, Richard was gone.

It is unknown what time Richard actually exited the van and left the area on foot; however, it was sometime between midnight last night and 7:30 this morning.

Family members state that Richard did not have any medical and/or mental health issues prior to traveling to Florida. It is unknown if he recently suffered from an unknown medical issue, causing him to act erratically.

Richard Joseph Adolphe Paquet's physical description is as follows:

White Male

Date of Birth – 07-20-1947

Height – 5'5"

Weight – 150

Hair – Brown (balding)

Eyes – Brown (wears glasses)

Last seen wearing – Maroon Shirt and Black Pants.

Richard left his wallet and cell phone in the van.

If you have seen Richard Paquet, or know his current whereabouts, please call 9-1-1 or the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If outside Hernando County, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

Thank you.



Richard Paquet

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.