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Media Release

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Re: Update - PURPLE ALERT – Matthew Riggins – 2022-28839

Date: September 28, 2022

Update - LOCATED

Matthew Riggins has been located by authorities in Flagler County. He is in good health.

Thank you.

Original Information – 09-27-22

Purple Alert

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

Matthew Riggins left his home, an assisted living facility, on Plumtree Avenue in Spring Hill, on 09-26-2022 at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mr. Riggins walked off in an unknown direction of travel.

Mr. Riggins works at the Burger King, located on Anderson Snow Road in Spring Hill. Staff there advised that he called on 09-26-2022 to say he quit.

Mr. Riggins does have a cell phone; however, it is currently turned off.

Mr. Riggins did not take his medication with him and has missed his last two doses. Due to not having his medication, Mr. Riggins may display irrational behavior.

At this time, the location of Mr. Riggins is unknown.

Matthew Riggins' physical description is as follows:

Race – Black

Sex – Male

DOB – 12-07-1974

Height – 5'10"

Weight – 172 pounds

Eyes – Brown

Hair – Brown

Clothing – Black pants, Burger King uniform t-shirt, black hat, black shoes.

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

Matthew Riggins meets one or more of the criteria listed below.

Thank you.



Purple Alerts are issued for Missing Adults who meet one or more of the criteria listed below.

- *The individual has a mental or cognitive disability that is not Alzheimer's disease or a dementia related disorder; an intellectual or developmental disability (brain injury, physical/mental/emotional disability not related to substance abuse, or any combination of these).*
- *The disappearance indicates a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to him or herself, as determined by local law enforcement.*
- *The individual cannot be returned to safety without law enforcement intervention.*
- *The individual does not meet the criteria for activation of a local Silver Alert or the Silver Alert Plan of the Department of Law Enforcement.*

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 was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.