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Media Release

From: Michael Terry
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Re: PURPLE ALERT – Missing Endangered Adult – Joseph Gallagher IV – 2024-04033

Date: February 7, 2024

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.

Joseph Vincent Gallagher IV last made contact with his family on 01-20-24, which is unusual. He has made suicidal statements in the past.

Gallagher drives a 2007 silver Dodge Ram 1500 bearing Florida tag/5571TP.

Joseph Vincent Gallagher IV's physical appearance is as follows:

Race – White

Sex – Male

DOB – 10-15-1991

Height – 5' 11"

Weight – 181

Eyes – Blue

Hair – Medium length Brown/Brown beard

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

Gallagher meets one or more of the criteria below.

Thank you.



Joseph Vincent Gallagher IV

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.*