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Media Release

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Re: Search Continues for Missing Man-David Brown - 202400223975

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On 08-13-24 at approximately 1:30 p.m., the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a missing person. The caller stated that he, and the now missing person, had been walking in a wooded area on Batten Road in Brooksville, along with the caller's dog. The caller briefly returned to the residence to retrieve something, leaving the dog and the other individual to continue exploring.

Before the caller was able to return to the wooded area, the dog arrived at the residence, without the other individual. The caller searched the wooded area for several hours, meeting with negative results. He then notified the Sheriff's Office.

Patrol deputies, K-9 teams, deputies with drones, the HCSO Civilian Mounted Unit, and the HCSO Aviation Unit were dispatched to the area to search for the missing man.

Upon arrival, deputies immediately began searching.

While searching, deputies spoke with residents in the area, some of whom had surveillance cameras and were willing to check footage. Through this process, deputies obtained footage of the missing man, identified as David Brown, walking through wooded areas at approximately 10:40 a.m. Brown was walking southbound, toward Hayman Road.

Shortly after arriving on scene, deputies requested assistance from the Pasco Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. A K-9 team (bloodhound) was dispatched to assist in the search. The team searched the area extensively, meeting with negative results.

Throughout the night, both the HCSO Aviation Unit and deputies with drones (both equipped with infrared capabilities) continued to search the vast wooded area. Search efforts yielded negative results for heat signatures.

Search efforts continue this morning with numerous resources from the HCSO, the Pasco Sheriff's Office (PSO), the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Hernando County Fire Rescue (HCFR), and volunteers from the HCSO Sheriff's Emergency Response Volunteer team (SERV).

Residents in this area are asked to check their properties, any sheds or outbuildings, parked vehicles, areas of brush/shrubs, etc., for Mr. Brown.

David Brown is described as follows:

- White / Male
- Approximately 70 years old
- Grey Hair
- Grey Goatee
- Thin Build
- White shirt with horizontal blue stripes (ripped on the back)
- Blue Shorts
- No Shoes and Possibly One Sock (was originally wearing shoes; however, surveillance footage shows one sock only, no shoes).

Mr. Brown suffers from significant medical issues.

If you see, or have seen, Mr. Brown, or know his current whereabouts, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or 9-1-1 in an emergency.

If you gave Mr. Brown a ride, please call our office ASAP.