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Re: Auburn Police Request Public's Assistance Locating Elderly Male

On Tuesday October 6th, 2009 at approximately 8:46pm, the Auburn Police Department received a complaint concerning an elderly male that may have wandered away from an adult living facility in the City of Auburn. Upon police arrival to the North Brook Heights facility at 170 Murray Street it was learned from the staff at the facility that resident **Glenn VanPatten** was missing from the facility. It was reported that VanPatten was last seen by staff at around 6:30pm. When staff members went to check on VanPatten at 7:00pm it was discovered he was missing. Staff members did numerous sweeps of the building but were not able to locate him. It was learned that VanPatten does have a vehicle but the vehicle was located still in the facility parking lot and the keys were located in VanPatten's room.

Auburn Police Officers did search the surrounding areas to the facility including the Grant Ave Plaza where a store employee of Marshall's felt that they did see VanPatten in the store around 9:10pm but this lead was not able to be confirmed. Auburn Police K9 also did a search of the surrounding wooded area to the North Brook Heights facility with negative results. A reverse 911 call was sent out from the Cayuga County E-911 Center to the east end of Auburn and the Sennett area alerting residents to the missing Auburn resident but no leads have developed overnight.

VanPatten is described as a 78 year old white male approximately 6'00" tall, 180 lbs., bald, blue eyes and wearing glasses. VanPatten normally uses a walker to assist his mobility but this was left behind in his room and it is reported he is quite mobile without it. VanPatten was last seen wearing tan khaki pants and a striped shirt unknown colors.

The Auburn Police Department is requesting the public's assistance with locating Mr. VanPatten. If anyone has any information concerning his whereabouts you are encouraged to contact the Auburn Police Department at 315-253-3231.

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