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Re: Missing Person Located - Services Available To Help Protect Your Elderly Loved Ones

On November 17, 2009 at approximately 7:45am the Auburn Police Department was dispatched to a Lake Ave. residence for the report of a missing elderly female. It had been reported that the missing 78 year old female was last seen around 10:30 pm the previous night. It was reported that the female becomes confused and may not always be aware of what she is doing or where she may be.

Numerous law enforcement personnel and fire personnel from various agencies responded to the area to assist with the search. A reverse 911 phone call was also sent out to residents in that area of the City to help assist in locating the female. After receiving some tips from the community the 78 year old female was safely located in the downtown Auburn area and she was found to be in good health. However, due to the time of year and the current cold weather conditions that are now upon us an incident such as this could have turned out drastically different.

This is the second such incident that the Auburn Police Department has responded to in recent months where an elderly person has wandered away from their residence.

To help combat such incidents like these from occurring there are many services available to families to assist them in protecting their loved ones. **The Cayuga County Office for the Aging** administers various programs such as “**Safe Return**” and “**Project Lifesaver**”.

“**Safe Return**” is a national database containing the photographs and identification information of the registered individual. That information is released to local law enforcement after report that the person is missing.

“**Project Lifesaver**” is a program where the individual is fitted with a wristband that emits a radio transmission that enables the person to be tracked by local law enforcement if the person has become missing.

For further information on services offered to protect your loved ones you can contact that **Cayuga County Office for the Aging** at (315)253-1104 or go to their website at www.co.cayuga.ny.us/aging .

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