



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Deputies Searching for Missing Man with Alzheimer's

#### Summary of Event

A 78-year-old Alzheimer's patient is missing tonight after he walked away from his family's home in Aloha. He has been missing since about 8:00 p.m. and is not familiar with the area. Deputies are currently searching for the man.

#### Full Details

On Monday, August 30, 2010, at about 10:00 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to 4370 SW 196<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the community of Aloha, to look for a missing man. They learned that 78-year-old Gayle "Ben" Uhrig recently moved to his family's house in Aloha because he has Alzheimer's disease and recently suffered a stroke. Ben is from Idaho and not familiar with this area.

Today, Mr. Uhrig got out of the house without his relatives knowing; this occurred somewhere around 8:00 p.m. It wasn't long before they noticed he was missing and went out looking for him. After about an hour of looking, Mr. Uhrig's family called the Sheriff's Office and requested help.

At this time, Sheriff's Deputies are out in the Aloha neighborhood looking for Mr. Uhrig. They think he is still in the area, although it is possible he could have taken a Tri-Met bus somewhere. Mr. Uhrig is described as 5'8" tall, weighing 150 pounds, with gray thinning hair. He was last seen wearing a checkered flannel shirt, light colored jeans, and black tennis shoes.

Washington County Search and Rescue is starting to deploy in the area, as well as two search dogs and numerous patrol deputies. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who may have seen Ben Uhrig tonight to please call 911 and report it.

**UPDATE:** The missing man, 78-year-old Ben Uhrig, was located this morning, August 31, at about 3:30 a.m., by search crews. He was at a motel located at SW 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW Tualatin Valley Highway. He was unharmed and has been returned to his home. I do not have any further details at this time.



Gayle "Ben" Uhrig

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