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MISSING CALIFON MAN LOCATED AFTER SEARCH

Acting Prosecutor Michael J. Williams announced that a missing man from Califon was located after an intensive search by detectives from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's SWAT Team, Lebanon Township Police Department, Tewksbury Township Police Department and Readington Township Police Department.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, "A 73-year-old man was reported missing to the Lebanon Township Police Department at 8:45 pm on Sunday, March 29, 2020. The victim was last seen at approximately 1:30 pm at his residence on CR 513 in Califon. An initial search of a wooded area near the residence was conducted by Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Lebanon Township Police Department, Tewksbury Township Police Department and a Readington Township K9 team but they were unable to locate the missing man. Due to the dropping temperatures and concern for the health of the victim, additional resources were called in to aid in the search. Members of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's SWAT Team responded to the scene, and a search team was assembled to conduct both a ground and an aerial search utilizing a drone equipped with a FLIR (forward looking infrared) camera. The victim's heat signature was located by the drone operator, who then guided members of the search team to the location. The search team provided medical care to the victim, who appeared to be suffering from hypothermia. The victim was placed on a stretcher and carried out of the wooded area to an awaiting ambulance. Clinton First Aid and Rescue and paramedics from the Hunterdon Medical Center provided additional care at the scene and then transported the victim to the hospital for further treatment."

Acting Prosecutor Williams added, "I want to thank the police officers, detectives, and medical service providers for their professionalism and outstanding service in searching for, locating, and caring for the victim."

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