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### MISSING ADULTS BELEN POTTS AND ERNEST POTTS

**\*\*\*UPDATE – JULY 30, 2016\*\*\***

On July 29, 2016 the red Ford Focus associated to the Potts family was located in a remote area of Redington Pass, near Mile Post 11. Hikers in the area located the vehicle off the roadway and down an embankment. They had also located a deceased person in the area of the vehicle. A search and rescue team from the Pima County Sheriff's Department responded to the area and recovered the body of an adult female. The female has not yet been positively identified, but next of kin for Ms. Potts has been notified of the finding. No one else was located near the vehicle. At this time, it is still uncertain as to how the vehicle ended up down the embankment. More information will be released as the investigation continues.

If you have any information about this incident, you are urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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Sergeant Pete Dugan – July 30, 2016

**\*\*\*UPDATE – JULY 20, 2016\*\*\***

Mr. and Ms. Potts were last seen at their residence located at 9225 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

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Sergeant Kimberly Bay – July 20, 2016

The Tucson Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in locating two missing adults. On Wednesday, July 20, 2016, officers from Operations Division East responded to a report of two missing people at 1901 North Wilmot Road. Upon arrival, they learned 55-year-old Belen Potts and her 29-year-old son Ernest Potts had not been seen or heard from since last Thursday night (July 14, 2016). The pair had mentioned they planned to go hiking at Redington Pass on Friday, July 15, 2016. Both Ms. Potts and Mr. Potts were scheduled to work over the weekend but did not show or call-in which is unusual for them.

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Ms. Potts is described as a Caucasian female, 5'2", 250lbs, with red hair and brown eyes. She is insulin dependent and it is unknown if she took insulin with her. Mr. Potts is described as a Caucasian male, 5'6", 180lbs, with blonde hair and green or hazel eyes and a full beard. The pair might be associated to a 2013 red Ford Focus four-door hatchback bearing Arizona license plate BVY1415.

If you see the Potts, their vehicle, or have other information, please call 911 immediately.



**Belen Potts**



**Ernest Potts**



**Vehicle**