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MISSING ELDERLY MALE
5500 BLOCK SOUTH MORRIS
UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 6. 2013

Minutes after releasing the information regarding the fact that Mr. Mejia had been missing for several hours, an officer in Operations Division South located him. He was in good condition and returned home. Thanks to all who assisted with looking for him.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – September 6, 2013

The Tucson Police Department seeks public assistance with locating a missing elderly male. Mr. Octavio Mejia, 80-years old, left his residence in the 5500 block of South Morris on the afternoon of September 6, 2013 and went for a walk. His son had been staying with him for the day, but took a nap during the afternoon hours. When he awoke, he discovered that his father had left the residence. Neighbors in the area reported seeing Mr. Mejia at some point between 5:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. He normally uses a cane or walker to assist him when walking, but did not take either with him when he left for his walk. On occasion, he likes to visit the Walmart located near the intersection of West Valencia Road and South Midvale Park. He also visits the area of South Park Avenue and East Drexel Road in addition to Southlawn Cemetery. The Tucson Police Department was first notified that Mr. Mejia was missing at approximately 7:48 p.m. Since that time, various patrol resources and specialty units have assisted with the efforts to locate him. It is believed that Mr. Mejia may have some money with him, but no identification. There is concern for his welfare, as he normally uses an oxygen machine to assist with breathing and requires other medications for various medical conditions. Mr. Mejia has been diagnosed as having dementia.

Mr. Mejia is a Hispanic male, approximately 5'04" tall, and weighs approximately 200 pounds. He has gray hair as well as a mustache and beard. Mr. Mejia is blind in his right eye, and it is milky white in appearance. He was last seen wearing a beige polo shirt with black stripes, beige pants, and black shoes. Anyone who has seen Mr. Mejia since the late afternoon hours of September 6, 2013 is asked to call 911 so that we can check his welfare, provide him any assistance that he might need, and return him to his residence. A photograph of Mr. Mejia is included below.

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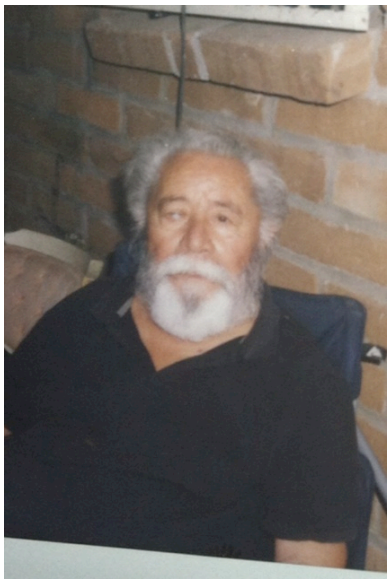

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