MISSING ELDERLY MALE

***UPDATE***

Mr. McFarland was located late in the evening on February 19, 2012 by an officer from the Department of Public Safety. He was found riding his bicycle in the Vail area near Interstate 10. Mr. McFarland was returned home safely.

Sergeant María Hawke – February 20, 2012

The Tucson Police Department seeks the public’s assistance with locating a missing elderly male. Officers from Operations Division East responded to a residence in the 9200 Block of East Corte Arroyo Norte on the early evening of February 19, 2012 in response to a report of a missing male. Upon arrival, the man’s wife advised officers that her husband had not been seen for several hours. She believes that he left their residence between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of February 19, 2012. He frequently rides his bicycle, and his wife believes that he left on his bicycle since it was no longer at their residence when she discovered him missing.

The missing elderly male is John McFarland, 70-years of age. He is described as a Caucasian male, 5'08” tall, weighing 160 pounds, with white hair and hazel eyes. He is likely wearing tan pants and an unknown colored shirt. He wears a bright green bicycle helmet when he rides his blue mountain bike.

Mr. McFarland suffers from Alzheimer’s and gets confused from time to time. He generally rides his bicycle on the east side in the area bounded by Golf Links Road to the south, 22nd Street to the north, Harrison to the east, and Pantano to the west. One of his favorite areas is the Golf Course near East 29th Street and South Camino Seco. Although, on a previous occasion when he was unable to find his way home, he was located in the area of East Speedway and North Camino Seco.

Due to the chilly temperatures, there is significant concern for his health and welfare. Anyone with information about Mr. McFarland’s whereabouts is urged to call 911.
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