

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 09-7237 (Lane County Sheriff's Office)
09-8757 (Springfield Police Department)

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 09-13-2009 / 1600

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 09-17-2009 / 1730

NATURE OF STORY: Endangered Missing Person Found

LOCATION: Blue River Area

Involved/Missing: Kellis, James Austin
DOB: 09-20-1972
Springfield, OR

DETAILS:

James Kellis, missing since Sunday, was found this afternoon along Horse Creek, off Horse Creek Road in the McKenzie Bridge area. Family members, searching upstream from the area where Sheriff's Office ground search teams were concentrating, located Kellis. A Sheriff's Office helicopter was also in the area at the time Kellis was located.

Kellis had been reported missing on Sunday afternoon and was considered endangered due to a developmental disability and other health concerns. Kellis was found to be in remarkably good shape and had reportedly used river water for drinking and ate grass to sustain him for the four days he was missing. The family has asked for privacy this evening, but plan on making a statement through the Sheriff's Office tomorrow.



James Austin Kellis, 09-20-1972

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