

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: LCSO 07-9349 / EPD-07-19472

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: November 4, 2007

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: November 6, 2007

NATURE OF STORY: Missing Person

LOCATION: Eugene Area

INVOLVED: Daming Xu

DETAILS: Mr. Xu was reported missing on November 5 after he failed to return home from a planned hiking trip in the Cougar Reservoir area.

The Eugene Police Department took a missing person report and the Lane County Sheriff's Office became involved to assist with searching the area in which Mr. Xu was thought to have been hiking.

At approximately 1330/hrs today, the vehicle was found parked at a trailhead off U.S. Forest Service Road 19, approximately seven miles east of Hwy 126. Mr. Xu has not been found and the search is expanding with more ground personnel and the Lane County Sheriff's Office helicopter joining the search.

Mr. Xu is a Professor at the University of Oregon and teaches mathematics.

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