

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office is extremely pleased to announce that Mr. Lunowa has been located and is safe. He is currently being medically evaluated as a precautionary measure.

A tip from a citizen provided invaluable information leading to a search of the area where he was located. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our media partners, the Merton Fire Department, the community, and Mr. Lunowa's family members who assisted us in locating him.

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Missing Person-Endangered – Town of Merton

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office is asking for assistance from our media partners and the public in locating a missing-endangered person.

63 year-old Joseph (Joe) Lunowa left on foot from his residence in the Town of Merton sometime between 9pm on Thursday October 10, 2019 and 7am today's date. Joseph is white male approximately 5'7" tall, 150 lbs., and wears glasses. He may be wearing a green windbreaker or a leather Green Bay- Packers jacket and a Packers or Badgers hat. Joseph suffers from cognitive disabilities, left without a cell phone and has no credit cards. He does not drive. Joseph does take medications but it is unknown if he has them with him.

Joseph is not believed to be suicidal or pose any threat to the community, however he likes to hide and is likely to avoid people. The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office is continuing to attempt to locate Joseph at this time and a Silver Alert will be issued shortly. We are asking for citizens who live in the area to please check their properties and any garages or out-buildings that may provide shelter. Anyone with information or who sees someone matching this description should immediately contact the Waukesha County Communications Center at 262-446-5070.

Media inquiries should be directed to Detective Christy Bahr at 262-896-8133.

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