



# Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

## NPD MEDIA RELEASE

01/11/2012 10:45 p.m.

**Incident:** Missing Person Rescued **Case#: 12N-00054**

**Location:** 600 Block of NE 56<sup>th</sup> Street

**Date/Time:** 01/11/2012 at 4:30 p.m.

**Person:** Richard Caulkins, age 83 of Newport

**Details:** On 01/11/2012 at about 4:30 p.m. Newport Police Officers were dispatched to the 600 Block of NE 56<sup>th</sup> Street, located in the Longview Hills neighborhood. The report involved an elderly male missing from his home. Upon arrival, Officers learned that Richard Caulkins, age 83, was reported to be in the first stages of Alzheimer's. He had left his residence shortly after 3:00 p.m. to go for a walk on a nearby forest service road. When he did not return, his family began to search for him. As darkness was approaching, the family called Newport Police for assistance.

Due to the difficult terrain, freezing temperature, and nightfall the Lincoln County Search and Rescue (SAR) team was summoned for assistance. The Longview Hills Community Response Team, comprised of members of the Newport Police Volunteers, was also requested to canvas the neighborhood. The communication computer software program Everbridge was used to call-back approximately 178 area residents to make notification of the missing subject.

At about 7:15 p.m., members from the Lincoln County SAR team located Caulkins one mile from his residence, and approximately 120 feet below the forest service road. Caulkins had become disoriented, and was unable to find his way home when it became dark. He had slid down a steep embankment and was not visible from the road. Rescuers administered first aid to Caulkins as they prepared to extricate him from the dense shrubbery and into a waiting ambulance.

At about 9:00 p.m. rescuers arrived at the waiting ambulance where Caulkins was examined for injuries and hypothermia. Other than some scratches on his hands, Caulkins was found to be at normal body temperature and in good spirits. He was returned to his residence by the ambulance; his family declined transport to the hospital. The temperature during the search was recorded at 39 degrees Farenheit.

The Newport Police Department was assisted by the Lincoln County Search and Rescue Team, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Pacific West Ambulance, and the Longview Hills Community Response Team.

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