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LCSO Continues Search for Missing FSU Student

The Leon County Sheriff's Office is seeking public assistance with locating 19 year old Florida State University Student Justin Dean Shields. Shields is described as a 6 foot white male, about 180 pounds. He has blue eyes and blonde hair.

On Friday, LCSO responded to a suspicious vehicle on Old Magnolia Road about a mile north of Rococo Road. Deputies were able to determine the vehicle was driven by Shields after speaking with his parents. At that time a missing persons report was initiated and Shields was entered into the nationwide database as "Missing/Endangered." Shields' cell phone and wallet were located inside his white 2016 Ford Fusion.

LCSO then used K9 units and the agency aviation unit to search the area around where Shields' car was found.

The investigation conducted on scene found someone matching Shields' description was seen walking on Old Magnolia Road around 7AM Friday morning. Deputies were able to determine Shields had not been seen by friends or family since Wednesday, September 5.

Patrol units stayed on scene overnight in case Shields returned to the area.

Saturday morning, LCSO detectives returned to the scene and began searching the area for Shields using K9 units, the LCSO Dive Team, and the LCSO Aviation Unit.

LCSO has set up a command post in the area at the Hilltop Country Store and will continue efforts to locate Shields.

The family has requested all media requests go through the LCSO Public Information Office. Please call 850-606-3303 for media inquiries.

Anyone having any information regarding Shields' whereabouts since Wednesday is asked to call the Leon County Sheriff's Office at 850-606-5800.



MISSING:
Justin Dean Shields
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6'00
180 lbs



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