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# Press Release

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## PROJECT LIFESAVER

When Elmarie Hawkins, an Alzheimer patient, wandered away from her home on Lake Palm Drive, family followed guidelines and notified law enforcement that she was missing. The Tallahassee Police Department immediately responded and upon learning that Ms. Hawkins was a Project Lifesaver client, notified the Leon County Sheriff's Office of the situation. Tallahassee Police recently received training on the protocols and responses to Project Lifesaver situations from LCSO deputies. LCSO is the state coordinator of the Project Lifesaver Program training.

LCSO Deputies assisted by the Sheriff's Helicopter Unit joined officers and attempted to locate Ms. Hawkins with no luck. Later Ms. Hawkins was recovered.

During the event it was discovered that Ms. Hawkins' Project Lifesaver Bracelet did not transmit a signal. Deputies and officers learned the bracelet was delinquent in servicing by caretakers of Ms. Hawkins.

“This is truly a lifesaving tool when all the components are functioning together” said Sgt. Chris Chase, LCSO spokesman. “We encourage anyone who is a candidate for a bracelet to contact the Alzheimer Project of Tallahassee”.

Project Lifesaver is a partnership through the Alzheimer Project of Tallahassee, the Pilot Club of Tallahassee, the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the Leon County Board of County Commissioners.



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