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SHERIFF'S OFFICERS AND MIDDLETOWN POLICE LOCATE MISSING MAN THROUGH MCSO'S LIFESAVING PROGRAM

Middletown Township: An elderly man from Middletown Township who wandered away is safe and sound thanks to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Program. On the evening of August 16, a joint response by the Middletown Township Police Department and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office was conducted after learning that the 69 year old man, a participant on the program, wandered from his home. Through the Project Lifesaver's hand held tracking device, which emits radio signals, the man was located in Middletown within 90 minutes of activation.

"This incident reinforces the significance of the Project Lifesaver Program and what a critical tool it is when locating a missing individual," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "I commend the officers involved for their quick and decisive actions, and, proud to lead the way when assisting individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Autism through this valuable program,"

S/O Kurt Kroeper, S/O Ralph Irizzary, Det. Al Scott and Sgt. CJ Higgins of the Middletown PD conducted the search.

Since the program's implementation in 2003, Monmouth County has had ten rescues of individuals who have wandered. Currently there are 168 individuals on the Project Lifesaver program, with 119 juveniles and 49 adults in Monmouth County.

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Each radio transmitter worn by an individual has a unique frequency. Should the client become missing, the sheriff's office has ten receivers with which to track the missing individual. The range for the radio receiver is one mile on the ground, one quarter mile when roof mounted and five to seven miles in a helicopter.

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