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## **Easley Man Missing in Pickens County is Located during Search of Wooded Area**

The man previously reported this morning as missing overnight from his residence located at 168 Poinsett Circle was found this afternoon at approximately 3:00pm in a heavily wooded area.

Search crews had been combing the area since daybreak with the assistance of a canine and a SLED helicopter.

Members from Pickens County Emergency Management, Pickens County EMS, Pickens County Rescue Squads, Pickens City Fire Department, Easley City Fire Department, Pumpkintown Fire Department, Shady Grove Fire Department and American Red Cross conducted ground searches throughout the day facing extreme heat.

Robert Billy Todd (76yoa) was found on the ground and barely conscious several hundred yards from the Doodle Trail in dense woods. It is believed that Mr. Todd had traveled a half mile or more from his residence during the night.

Mr. Todd was transported to the hospital from the scene by ambulance for heat related illnesses, dehydration and difficulty in breathing.

No foul play is suspected in this incident and Sheriff Rick Clark issued the following statement:

*"As we continue to pray for Mr. Todd's full recovery, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of the entities within Pickens County that came together in support of the efforts to locate one of our senior citizens. Pickens County is blessed to have the partnership between the various first responder groups that never hesitate to work together in unison for the citizens of Pickens County.*

*I also want to give a special thank you to Elljean Baptist Church and their staff as they graciously offered their facilities to first responders and the use of their parking lot where the Command Center operations were conducted."*

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