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**Case No. 160382**

**Event: Missing Person/ SAR Callout**

**Location: SW Shumway, Powell Butte, Oregon**

## Media Release

On Thursday, April 7, 2016 at approximately 14:02 hrs., deputies from the Crook County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a report of a missing person in the area of SW Shumway Rd. and SW Alfalfa Road in Powell Butte.

According to family members, Jose "Joe" Cruz age 75 of Powell Butte, had "wandered" away from his residence and had been missing for approximately 2 ½ hrs.. Family, friends and neighbors had already done an initial search of the area and were not able to locate Cruz. Deputies were also made aware that Cruz has a pre-existing medical condition that requires he take medication. Another concern was that Cruz had left the residence on foot without any water. The temperature at the time of the call was approximately 78 degrees.

Based upon the initial report, Crook County Search and Rescue was activated and several SAR Volunteers responded to the area with the responding deputies. The SAR volunteers also included two dog teams to assist in searching the area.

At approximately 17:11 hrs., Cruz was located about ¼ east of his residence. It was determined that Cruz had wandered through the sagebrush and juniper and came out to SW Shumway Road. Cruz then walked down another dirt/ gravel road along a fence line. At some point Cruz then laid down next to the barbed wire fence, where he was located.

Cruz was conscious and alert, but dehydrated. Crook County Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and transported Cruz to St. Charles Hospital in Bend for evaluation.

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