



Apache County Sheriff's Office
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Press Release

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Missing Concho Woman Found Deceased in Apache County

(Concho, AZ) On February 4, 2020, Leslie Hildebrand, 77, was reported missing from her Concho area residence by a concerned acquaintance, as she had not been seen or heard from since January 25, 2020. Apache County Sheriff's Office personnel immediately began efforts to locate Ms. Hildebrand, but were initially unsuccessful due to the delayed timeframe of the missing person report.

Although no prior incidents have been reported to the Apache County Sheriff's Office, it was reported that Ms. Hildebrand suffered from Alzheimer's disease and had become disoriented in the past after leaving her residence.

Subsequently, Ms. Hildebrand was entered into the National Crime Information Center (N.C.I.C.) and Arizona Criminal Justice Information Center (A.C.J.I.S.) databases as missing. An Attempt to Locate bulletin (A.T.L) and Silver Alert were also issued statewide by the Apache County Sheriff's Office.

During the evening hours of February 10, 2020, a subject cutting firewood in the area located what appeared to be Ms. Hildebrand's vehicle in a heavily wooded and remote area, approximately one mile from her residence. Apache County Sheriff's Office personnel immediately responded to the scene, which was not accessible by road, where Ms. Hildebrand was unfortunately located deceased inside her vehicle.

The subsequent investigation revealed no indications of foul play at the scene. However, the Apache County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate this incident to determine the manner and cause of death of Ms. Hildebrand.

Additional information will follow once made available.

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