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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Missing Endangered Adult Safely Located

UPDATE 3:

(Henrico County, VA) – Richmond Police safely located **John Blanks Jr.** on September 6, 2024, around the area of Byrd Park in the City of Richmond. Blanks is currently receiving care in an area hospital for non-life-threatening medical issues.

Thank you to the community members and the many agencies who have been working together to find him.

UPDATE 2 (September 3, 2024):

(Henrico County, VA) - We are requesting that all citizens in the Chamberlayne Road corridor between Azalea Avenue and the Hanover/Henrico County Line please check their properties, to include outbuildings, under decks, or any other place a person could fit. We also request that they check home-based cameras for sightings since 8 a.m. yesterday (September 2).

Any sightings should be immediately reported to Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000 or 911.

Mr. Blanks was last seen wearing a burgundy hoodie, green cargo pants, and white tennis shoes (as reflected in the photograph). He has salt and pepper hair with a scruffy beard.

Original Release (September 2, 2024):

(Henrico County, VA) - Henrico Police is asking for assistance from the public in locating a Missing Endangered Person.

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On September 2, 2024, the Henrico County Department of Emergency Communications received a call at 10 a.m. for a missing adult by the name of **John L. Blanks, 59**, who left his residence in the 600 block of Elmfield Drive around 7:40 a.m.

Mr. Blanks is a diabetic and diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder and in need of medication. Mr. Blanks was last seen wearing a burgundy hoody, green cargo pants and was wearing tennis shoes. He recently had a haircut but has salt and pepper hair and has a scruffy beard like he needs a shave.

If anyone has seen Mr. Blanks or knows his whereabouts, please call Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000 or 911.



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