

Deputies Locate Missing Hunter

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Deputies searching for a hunter lost in the woods off of the Columbia Mainline in Vernonia area this morning found the Beaverton man confused and disoriented about 6 hours after beginning their search last night.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, the family of Kirt Stone notified dispatch that the 55-year-old Beaverton man was expected home about 1 hour after dark. Two Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies, with the help of Columbia 911 dispatchers, family members and the Vernonia Police Department searched in the vicinity of the Columbia Mainline until a deputy located the missing man just after 3 a.m.

Stone did not have a working flashlight and apparently became disoriented in the dark. He was dressed warmly and uninjured. The Sheriff's Office had 18 Search and Rescue volunteers and a National Guard helicopter preparing to join the search when Stone was found.