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Missing mental patient last seen wandering near marsh in Houma

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Houma, La. - Terrebonne Parish sheriff's deputies and detectives are asking for the public's help in finding a missing mental patient.

The patient is identified as Elroy Neville, 51, of King Street in Houma.

On Friday at about 6 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a black man in a medical garment walking in the middle of Denley Road and nearly being struck by passing vehicles. Deputies patrolled the area but were unable to locate him.

Then, at approximately 7 p.m., residents of the Ashland North Subdivision called the Sheriff's Office and reported seeing the same man walking toward the marsh at the end of Fallon Drive. Deputies and detectives walked the levee area until after dark but were unable to locate him.

Louisiana State Police also responded and searched the area by helicopter using the spotlight, but they were unable to locate the man.

Family members told detectives that Neville has a mental illness and often has seizures.

The search resumed Saturday but has so far been unsuccessful. A check of area hospitals also turned up negative.

Anyone with information regarding Neville's whereabouts is asked to call the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office at (985)876-2500.



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