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Headline: Missing Adult

Details:

On 02/28/2019 at approximately 5:27 pm., TCSO Patrol Deputies responded to the 17800 block of Old Hwy. 99 SW for a trespass call. The reporting party informed dispatch that her neighbor, 20-year-old Matthew Anfeldt had just been at her door displaying very unusual behavior. The behavior included ranting his family was injured or dead and "they were after him". Matthew ran from neighbor's door into the yard and jumped a fence. He ran into the roadway of Old Hwy. 99 SW where multiple vehicles were forced to swerve or stop completely to avoid collision with him. He continued unusual behavior such as jumping on the hood of a car and the back of a truck bed. The neighbor lost sight of Matthew at that point.

Approximately 8 minutes later and 2 miles to the west, Matthew went into the Speedway Grocery business located in the 19200 block of Old Hwy. 99 SW. The attendant at the store reported Matthew's appearance as "panicked" in general with heavy sweating and dried blood around his mouth. Matthew's verbal ranting to the attendant remained similar as to the neighbor in that he suggested his family had been killed and he needed to get a ride because "they" were after him as well. Matthew bolted out a side door on the west side of the business as 911 was being called. This was the last known location for him. Deputies completed an immediate area search and could not locate him. No other calls came into the dispatch center about sightings of him after that. Deputies contacted Matthew's Mother and she confirmed there was no validity to Mathew's panicked claim. She was unsure exactly what may have triggered his unusual behavior because she felt he was currently sober. There was further unconfirmed information that suggested Matthew may have used methamphetamine, ecstasy and / or Lorazepam. TCSO is in the process of mounting a search team with canines to search areas relevant to the last location known for his sighting. That area is considered rural but residential which forces Law Enforcement to seek individual property owner consent for the search to occur. Please refer to the attached flyer for specific information on Mathew. Anyone with relevant information should report it to TCSO per the flyer.

