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PRESS RELEASE

January 10, 2012

Downey Police are asking for public assistance in locating a critical missing adult male.

On January 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. officers received a call of a possible homeless man sleeping to the front of a restaurant in the 9100 block of Telegraph. Officers arrived and contacted Larry Everett Starks, age 69, and determined he was in need of medical assistance. The Downey Fire Department responded and transported Mr. Starks to Kaiser Hospital located at 9333 Imperial Highway.

On January 6, 2012, Mr. Starks was discharged from the hospital and his whereabouts are unknown at this time. Mr. Starks' last known address is in the state of Florida, however, he had a previous address in El Cajon, California. Mr. Starks suffers from schizophrenia and has not been taking his medication. He may be delusional and paranoid. Mr. Starks is a retired San Diego Sheriff's Department Deputy.

Mr. Starks is described as a black male, approximately six foot one, with short salt and pepper hair, brown eyes with a salt and pepper beard. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a plaid shirt.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Larry Starks is encouraged to call the Downey Police Department at (562) 904-2308 or Detective Paul Hernandez at (562) 904-2368.

To provide information ANONYMOUSLY, call Crime Stoppers by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477) or by texting the letters TIPLA, plus your tip, to CRIMES (274637) or by using the web site http://lacrimestoppers.org.

Press inquires may be directed to Lieutenant Phil Rego at (562) 904-2311 or Sergeant Alex Irizabal at (562) 904-2340.



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