Search for missing Ozawkie man goes statewide

(KAIR)--What began as a local alert has now gone statewide, as an Ozawkie man, who suffers health issues, has not yet been located, following his disappearance last week.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation Monday, following a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, issued a statewide silver alert for 59-year-old Kenneth Klenklen.

The release calls on the public to help locate Klenklen, identified by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as "a vulnerable, older white [man]." He's described as five foot nine inches, weighing approximately 155 pounds with blue eyes and gray hair. He suffers from Dementia, Parkinson's disease, and other health issues.

According to the Sheriff's Office, "Klenklen was last known to be at the Jefferson West Junction Convenience Store, in Meriden, around 2:00 Wednesday afternoon. He was last seen wearing black shoes, black pants, a black t-shirt, and a blue, unbuttoned short-sleeve shirt.

Klenklen was driving his black with tan trim 2007 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer Edition bearing Kansas License Plate 246 MUZ.

A release from the Sheriff's Office says he's "known to frequent the Ozawkie American Legion and the bars in Oskaloosa," and "has also been known to frequent the Prairie Band and Sac and Fox Casino's in the past."

Anyone with information related to the whereabouts of Klenklen, or his vehicle, is asked to immediately call 911 or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at 785-863-2351.

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