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## **Search & Rescue initiates search for endangered man**

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- The Kitsap County Sheriff's Search & Rescue (SAR) Unit has initiated a SAR mission for a 50 year-old South Kitsap man, listed as being endangered due to possible suicidal actions.

Thomas George Felix was reported to Sheriff's patrol deputies as a missing from their residence on SE Mullenix Road, by his wife, on Wednesday (March 30). She further reported last seeing him in person on Monday.

The missing man's vehicle, a red-colored 2001 Nissan truck, was found parked behind a restaurant on Bay Street, yesterday, by a Port Orchard Police officer. The truck was unlocked. It was determined that the truck had been there at least since 9:40 a.m., Tuesday (March 29). The truck has been impounded as evidence.

With the discovery of Felix's truck, the SAR mission kicked-off shortly afterwards with three search dogs from the Washington Explorer Search and Rescue, Kitsap Unit. The tracking scent, believed to be several days old, led to the end of a public pier in the Port Orchard Marina.

From the pier, SCUBA divers from Underwater Search and Rescue Volunteers of Kitsap County have been involved in an underwater search since yesterday afternoon. The underwater search effort has been hampered by light, weather and sea conditions. The initial search was terminated last night after dark.

The underwater search resumed today, periodically. Weather and visibility are factors affecting the search mission. The Sheriff's SAR Unit has been assisted by a police boat from Bainbridge Island Police Department, utilizing an underwater remote control video camera.

Tentative plans are to continue with the underwater search tomorrow, if possible.

Felix is described as a white male, 5' 10" ht., 185 lbs. wt., with brown hair and blue eyes. He was last known to be wearing a light blue & red-colored ski-type parka or jacket. See photograph (below).



The investigation continues. Persons with information concerning the whereabouts of Thomas Felix are asked to contact Detective Lori Blankenship at (360) 337-5615. Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.

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