

Agencies, dogs comb woods in search of missing man



Robin Millan and her dog Siggy, followed by Jeanne Menard of New England K-9 Search and Rescue, prepare to search the area around the Park and Ride off Route 33 on Friday morning, April 22, 2011. Arthur "Art" Dean Reinhart, 50, was last seen by family on March 22 in Lexington, N.C. and his vehicle was found in the area. Deb Cram photo

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PORTSMOUTH — Local police, search-and-rescue dogs, Fish and Game officers and state troopers launched a Friday morning search of woods surrounding Greenland Road for a missing Connecticut man.

“We’re trying to remove possibilities,” said Portsmouth Police Chief Lou Ferland, who met with the search teams to thank them for their assistance.

The search is for Arthur “Art” Dean Reinhart, 50, who was last seen by family members on March 22 in Lexington, N.C. He reportedly left North Carolina to return to his Connecticut home, but hasn’t been heard from since. Reinhart was photographed in a

Stratham ATM 11 days before his Jeep was found parked in the commuter park-and-ride lot, said Deputy Police Chief Stephen DuBois.

Ferland said state police are searching from a plane overhead, while Fish and Game and local police officers search on the ground. Joining them are all-volunteer members of New England K-9 Search and Rescue who brought five dogs.

The K-9 group's coordinator Scott Hamilton said German shepherds, a yellow lab, an Australian sheepdog and a Belgian Malinois were brought by handlers to comb the woods. He said they're all trained as "air scent" dogs, meaning they don't need a "starting point scent to find a person out of place."

"Our specialty is the find part," he said.

Hamilton said his group assists with searches in New Hampshire and Vermont for missing people including hikers, children and disabled people. While they always hope for "live finds," he said, finding a missing person who died is also valuable to bring closure to surviving family members.

DuBois said surveillance images from an unspecified Stratham bank show Reinhart checking his account at 3 p.m. on April 2. On April 5 his cell phone stopped working in the area of the Greenland Road commuter lot, where his Jeep was found eight days later.

Reinhart's Jeep could have been in the lot since April 2, said DuBois, because it's not uncommon for people to park there for extended periods of time.

The missing man's cell phone mailbox is full, he hasn't updated his Facebook page and his car contained his luggage and other personal belongings which appeared untouched, his brother Dean previously told the Herald. He has a life partner who hasn't heard from him and an uncashed commission check waiting for him, according to his family.

Several local police officers conducted a prior search last Thursday. The Jeep, which had a road atlas on the passenger seat and dress shirts hanging from hangers, was towed that evening.

Police also checked with numerous area hotels, the hospital, bus depots and the homeless shelter to try to locate Reinhart, all without success.

Dean described his brother as a wealthy real estate broker who loves to travel. Arthur is described as 6-feet-4-inches tall, 260 pounds, with close-cropped salt and pepper hair and brown eyes.



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Police Capt. Corey MacDonald said Arthur “Art” Dean Reinhart, 50, was found in some woods behind the Calvary Cemetery and an autopsy is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday. MacDonald said the death is categorized as “untimely” and Reinhart was found far off a beaten path.

“Based on what we've seen so far, there's no reason for public alarm,” he added.

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DuBois said Reinhart was found in some woods beyond the right rear of the Calvary Cemetery. That location is across Greenland Road and on the opposite site of the railroad tracks from the commuter lot where Reinhart's Jeep was found.

DuBois said the area where Reinhart was found is being treated like a crime scene.

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