

MEDIA RELEASE

Missing and Endangered Person Alert Issued to Aid in Locating an Endangered 12-Year-old

June 1, 2022

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022, around 3:00 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of a missing and endangered 12-year-old. Deputies learned the 12-year-old was last seen at 1:00 p.m., in the community of Cedar Mill and that he left his residence in a 2018 Kia Soul.

Deputies contacted the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to utilize highway reader boards to issue a Missing and Endangered Person Alert (MEPA). ODOT activated the reader boards asking drivers to contact the [Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency](#) if anyone saw the 2018 Kia Soul.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the family of the 12-year-old notified deputies that he had arrived at another family member's house in West Linn. The 12-year-old was unharmed.

Deputies thank the community for their help searching for the 12-year-old.

Today marks the first day the Missing and Endangered Person Alert (MEPA) was activated. MEPA is the first alert of its kind in Oregon. MEPA is similar to Silver Alert in Washington State, which alerts community members of an endangered missing person who is 60 or older.

Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Oregon Senator Sollman played an integral role in creating this alert. Senator Sollman learned Oregon did not have a MEPA alert, or anything similar, during the search for [Ralph Brown](#).



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