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Police searching for missing N.J. man

David Gipson Smith, 28, reported missing while visiting Maryland

Howard County police are asking for the public's help in the search for a man who has been reported missing. Police received a report Aug. 12 that David Gipson Smith, 28, of Pilesgrove, N.J., was last seen in the Woodbine area on Aug 6.

Smith's family contacted police Aug. 12 to report that Smith had not returned home or reported to work after coming to Maryland on Aug. 5 to visit a friend. The family reported that it was unusual for Smith to be out of contact for an extended period of time and that they were concerned for his welfare. They told police they believed a friend had dropped Smith off in the general area of the 2000 block of Woodbine Road on Aug. 6.

Police responded to the area in Woodbine and initiated a search. Police and fire personnel have conducted land and air searches for Smith in woods around the area, and conducted a search of a nearby pond. Officers have canvassed the surrounding area and have spoken with local residents, but there have been no sightings of Smith or indications of his whereabouts.

Investigators have checked with local hospitals and shelters in the search for Smith. They have interviewed his friends and family, and confirmed that no one has been in contact with him. Due to the duration of his absence, police are concerned for his welfare.

Smith is described as a white male, 6 ft. 4 in. tall, weighing 230 pounds. Police do not have a clothing description. Investigators are releasing photos of Smith in the hope that someone will see him.

Anyone with information should contact Howard County police at 410-313-STOP or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov. Anyone who sees Smith should call 911.

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