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Sheriff John Spears reports an extensive search was conducted on Sunday October 19th for missing person Goudensio Gayton out of LaCrosse.

The Sheriff's Office in conjunction with LaCrosse Police Department, and the LaCrosse County Sheriff's Office have been investigating tips and calls from the public and concerned citizens regarding the location and whereabouts of Goudensio since his disappearance on Sunday October 12, 2014. The Sheriff's Office has received calls regarding sightings of Goudensio Gayton along hwy 35 south of LaCrosse and along CTH K from Hwy 35, east to the area of Hamburg Ridge Road and Brinkman Ridge Road in the township of Hamburg in Vernon County.

Multiple searches have been conducted in this area by law enforcement, fire department members, first responders, the public and local land owners, as well as K-9 Units.

On Saturday October 18th, 2014 the Vernon County Sheriff's Office received a call from Chris Schubert who resides at the end of Wehling Lane in the township of Hamburg. Mr. Shubert reported while viewing photo's from one of his game camera's, he found several pictures of Goudensio Gayton which were dated Sunday October 12th, the day Mr. Goudensio Gayton went missing. The time line indicated the photo's were taken at 7:23 p.m. on Sunday night. The camera was located approx. 2 miles from CTH K, along a wood line, 1 mile from the Schubert home.

A search of that area was immediately conducted using K-9's and the Coon Valley Fire Department and Law Enforcement personnel. The search continued until dark with search teams unable to locate Goudensio Gayton. Sheriff Spears contacted local fire departments for a larger search effort to begin on Sunday October 19th in that area.

On Sunday October 19th, the Sheriff's Office conducted an extensive search with the aid of eight fire departments, which included; Viroqua Fire, Westby Fire, Viola Fire, Coon Valley Fire, Genoa Fire, LaFarge Fire, Hillsboro Fire, Ontario Fire, Vernon County Emergency Management, Vernon County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol, Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, Gunderson Tri-State Ambulance, bloodhound "Peach" and Tim Devine of LaCrosse County and bloodhound "Beckitt" and Diana Gwilt of Vernon County Search and Rescue.

Goudensio Gayton was not located during this search.

Sheriff Spears is urging all sportsman, hunters and land owners in the area to please check their game camera's for any possible sightings of Goudensio and is asking for the media's help in locating him.

Goudensio Gayton was last seen wearing dress shoes, blue pants, black leather jacket and a white cowboy hat. Goudensio is 5' tall, grey facial hair and does not speak any English.

Sheriff Spears thanked local residents and media for their cooperation in this matter and hopes that more information will assist in locating Goudensio Gayton.

If anyone has any information regarding Goudensio Gayton, please contact the Vernon County Sheriff's Office or the LaCrosse Police Department.

Respectfully,

John B. Spears, Sheriff