

NATCHEZ — Adams County Sheriff's Office deputies and the Adams County Search and Rescue team covered more than 600 acres of the woods surrounding Kingston Road Thursday and Friday in search of a missing man.

The missing man, Shaun Thornhill of Mangham, La., is 41 years old, 5-feet-10-inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has a large tattoo of the sun with the number 798 inside it.

The number 798 represents Thornhill's local pipe fitter's union, his sister Christel Wyant said.

The search in Adams County began after a patrol officer found Thornhill's truck parked on the side of Kingston Road. Thornhill's last known sighting was Jan. 22 in St. Francisville.

Air Evac assisted in the search Friday morning by doing helicopter fly-overs of the area, but according to the ACSO the search was called off at 11:30 a.m. while deputies and the search and rescue team wait for creek water levels to drop before they can continue.

Wyant said Thornhill's family doesn't know why he was in Adams County, but she did know he had recently been looking for work on a tugboat. His truck was locked at the time it was found, and his clothes, wallet and a television were inside it. She said there did not appear to be any foul play at the truck.

IDs and some cards had been removed from the wallet, but other cards were left in, Wyant said.

Thornhill is a loner but a friendly person, his father Joe Thornhill said.

Anyone with information about Thornhill's whereabouts should contact the ACSO at 601-442-2752. Wyant can also be contacted at 318-705-8611, and Joe Thornhill can be reached at 402-705-8611.

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Authorities search for missing Louisiana man

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Thursday and Friday search and rescue crews with the Adams County Sheriff's Department combed more than 600 acres near where the vehicle was left.

Thornhill's sister Christel Wyant told WLBT Saturday that he is a pipeline worker and was last seen Sunday at a St. Francisville Louisiana motel.

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Law enforcement agencies in Mississippi and Louisiana are investigating a missing person case after a man's vehicle was found abandoned in Adams County.

According to the Adams County Sheriff's Office, a vehicle linked to Shaun Thornhill, 41, of Mangham, La., was found abandoned on Kingston Road Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday, deputies and members of the Adams County Search and Rescue Team searched, by ground and by air, more than 600 acres of woods along Kingston Road where Thornhill's vehicle was found.

Searchers are currently waiting for creek water levels to drop to continue the search, according to the sheriff's department.

Investigators have been in touch with the Thornhill's family in Mangham and St. Francisville, La. The last reported sighting of Thornhill is Sunday in St. Francisville.

Adam's County investigators have also been in contact with St. Francisville authorities on this case.

Thornhill is a white male, has blue eyes, weighs 180 pounds and is 5-feet-10-inches tall.

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for missing man relocated to Louisiana

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The search for a missing Louisiana man whose vehicle was found abandoned in Adams County almost two weeks ago was moved to Louisiana Tuesday.

Teams have been searching hundreds of acres of wood lands in Adams County since Jan. 25 when 41-year-old Shaun Thornhill's truck was found abandoned on Kingston Road.

According to the Adams County Sheriff's Office, the search for Thornhill has moved to St. Francisville, La., the location of his last reported sighting.

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Monday, an all-volunteer search and rescue team from Slidell, La., searched more than 1,000 acres in the Kingston area branching out from where Thornhill's truck was found.

Hours of searching by volunteers and multiple K-9s turned up no sightings or findings of Thornhill, according to the sheriff's office.

In the days immediately following the discovery of Thornhill's vehicle, Adams County Sheriff's Office deputies, Adams County's Search and Rescue Team members and Air Evac pilots searched the woods by ground and air.

Although search efforts have stopped in the Adams County area, local law enforcement is still on the lookout for Thornhill. He is listed as a missing person by the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana.

Thornhill is a white male, has blue eyes, weighs 180 pounds and is 5-feet-10-inches tall.

Adams County authorities are encouraging anyone who sees a person fitting Thornhill's description to call the sheriff's office at 601-442-2752.

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NATCHEZ — The instructions were simple — walk 10 feet and look for something, anything, which might be a clue. If you do find something, don't touch it. It might be nothing, but the woods in the Kingston area might be a crime scene.

With those orders under their belts, dozens of volunteers, most of them from out of state, descended into the woods in the Kingston area. The volunteers were performing a grid search in the hope that the previous combing of the area had overlooked some vital clue as to the whereabouts or eventual fate of Shaun Thornhill.

Thornhill's father, Joe Thornhill, had trouble hiding his emotions as he waited for Wednesday's search to begin.

"It has been a rough month-and-a-half," he said.

"Out of all this time, we haven't had the slightest hint he is even here."

Shaun Thornhill's last known sighting was Jan. 23 in St. Francisville, La. The only clue that he was in Adams County was the fact that his truck was found locked and abandoned on Kingston Road later that week. Joe Thornhill said his son was looking for work on a tugboat in towns along the river before he disappeared.

Since the discovery of the truck, a number of search parties have worked the area for clues, bringing in search dogs and — early on — helicopters. Initial phases of the search had to be halted to allow for overflowing creeks to fall back within their banks.

Because Thornhill was last seen in St. Francisville, the West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office is conducting a parallel investigation with the Adams County Sheriff's Office, and Wednesday it was the WFPSO that coordinated the search.

WFPSO Col. Randy Metz said the search teams would work their way slowly west from the site where Thornhill's truck was found until they reached U.S. 61, turn around and work their way back to the starting point. The process would then be repeated on the other side of Kingston Road.

"Keep in mind we are moving at a slow pace because we want to be thorough," Metz said. "Our speed is also going to be determined by the thickness of these woods."

In addition to having the volunteers walking on the ground, Metz said a search of the creeks in the area would be a part of Wednesday's efforts.

While searchers prepared for the trek through the woods by taping their boots closed against their pants and spraying every inch of their bodies with DEET-based insect repellents, Shaun Thornhill's niece Sydney Roberts moved back and forth between getting ready for the search and comforting distraught family members.

"It will be nice to find anything that would lead to an answer," she said.

That wasn't to be, however. Amy Haring, a friend of the family who helped coordinate Wednesday's search, called the fact that the volunteers didn't find anything "bittersweet."

“We didn’t find him, so there is a chance he is alive, but it is a bit of a strain on where to go from here,” she said. “There are a lot of missing pieces to this puzzle, and I feel like someone out there knows something, and I wish they would come forward.

“Shaun is a great guy, and he had a huge heart. He has a lot of people who love him and want him found.”

The Kingston searches are apparently at an end, Haring said.

It’s not what he wants, but Joe Thornhill said knowing that his son isn’t in the Kingston area is better than knowing nothing.

“I would be happy to have some closure after this, to know that he’s not here, so we can move on to some other phase,” he said.

Anyone who has seen or has information about the whereabouts of Shaun Thornhill is asked to contact the ACSO at 601-442-2752.

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