

Search for missing person goes all out



Diana M. Fuller was last seen on Old Pearl Road on Thursday, July 2.

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The Simpson County Sheriff's Office is sparing nothing in its ongoing search for Diana M. Fuller. Fuller, 47, was said to have walked away from her home on Thursday, July 2.

According to Sheriff Kenneth Lewis, the search for Fuller has been ongoing for 10 days. He said he is getting worried. He put that worry into action and called in everyone and everything he knew in an effort to find the missing woman.

Lewis also has learned some background on Fuller.

He said she had lived in a house in Magee, then moved in with a friend on Old Pearl Road. Fuller was on multiple medications and had multiple mental health diagnoses. She also has a brain tumor. Lewis said Fuller evidently went off her medications. When she was reported missing, residents in the house where she lived said she took no clothing, no medications and not even her purse.

Over the past week Lewis has been conducting a search, utilizing all his available staff. In the last three to four days, he intensified the search.

Lewis said five different volunteer fire departments were on foot searching the woods around the residence where Fuller had lived. He said the fire departments searched as much as a mile deep into the woods.

Lewis called in a helicopter from the State of Mississippi. Pilots from Magee also joined in the air search. No one found anything.

Lewis said he also called in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Rescue Team. That specially trained unit came in with cadaver dogs that were also water certified. They searched land and water.

Also, Lewis said that his officers have talked to every house for a mile in all directions from Fuller's residence. He says no one saw anything. He says he has put the story on all area media and he has entered Fuller as a missing person on the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC).

Lewis says, "I would think somebody would have seen her." He says that her house was near a major highway, and it is possible she made her way to the highway and was picked up by someone.

Lewis said, "All we can do is keep looking. If someone sees her, they need to give us a call. But I fear the worst." Lewis said the investigation and search will continue.

If anyone has any information on Diana M. Fuller, please contact the Simpson County Sheriff's Department at 601-847-2921 or email at info@simpsoncountysheriff.com

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Woman missing in Simpson County

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SIMPSON COUNTY, MS (WLBT) - A Simpson County woman is missing. Now her family is asking for your help. Forty-seven year old Diana Fuller was last seen Thursday morning walking along old Pearl Road just outside of Gatesville. According to her family she suffers from several medical conditions including seizures.

Fuller weighs roughly 125 lbs. and is 5'7" tall.

If you have seen Diana Fuller please call the Simpson County Sheriff's Office at (601) 847-2921.

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SIMPSON COUNTY

\$10K reward for missing woman

A Ridgeland business is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the safe return of a Simpson County woman who has been missing since July 2.

Diana Fuller, 47, was last seen walking from her friend's home in Florence, Fuller's sister, Denise McKnight, said.

McKnight's employer, HealthOne, is offering the reward in hopes of developing some leads.

Simpson County Sheriff Kenneth Lewis said his office conducted an intense six-day search for Fuller. It included the use of a helicopter and dogs. "We've done a lot of things to try and find her and we've turned up nothing," he said.

Anyone with information on her whereabouts is asked to contact the sheriff's office at (601) 847-2921 or info@simpsoncountysheriff.com.