

WASHINGTON/HUMPHREYS COUNTIES

Police continue search for man missing since Nov. 29

Police in Washington and Humphreys counties are intensifying the search for a 21-year-old Belzoni man missing since Nov. 29.

Humphreys County Sheriff's Investigator Gene Luster said a friend told police that he and Anthony "Toot" Johnson had been on a two-day cocaine binge, when Johnson jumped out of his car and disappeared near the Humphreys-Washington county line.

The two were traveling on Mississippi 12 when Johnson got out of the car, Luster said. Foul play has not been ruled out, but Luster said that right now police are treating the disappearance as a missing-person case.

"Our main concern is locating the young man," he said.

Police used boats to search the Sunflower River on Thursday. Days of dense fog have delayed an aerial search.

Johnson is described as 6-foot-2 and 160 pounds.

He is blond, and his appearance is described as gaunt or haggard, Luster said.

Anyone with information can call the Humphreys County Sheriff's Department at (662) 247-2551 or the Washington County Sheriff's Department at