

RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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Richland County officials are widening their search today for an elderly Sylvan Township man who suffers from Parkinson's disease and dementia.

According to Richland County Sheriff Darrell Berglin, 86-year old **Ross Phillips** of County Highway U in rural Soldiers Grove in western Richland County, was reported missing by family members on Monday afternoon.

In addition to his whereabouts, county officials, family members and neighbors are also very concerned about his health - as Phillips relies on medication to treat his advanced stage of dementia and Parkinson's Disease.

The Sheriff said that it is believed that Ross Phillips left his residence driving the family car with a full tank of gas some time after Sunday night at 7pm. That car is described as **a brown 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix**, with Wisconsin license plate number **638-CKS**.

The Sheriff says that an extensive search of the area has been conducted by neighbors, family and deputies however Phillips remains missing. The Sheriff is now asking for the general public's help in locating Ross Phillips or his vehicle. Family and neighbors have also been alerted to the situation to look for leads to his whereabouts. The Sheriff said his department has alerted other law enforcement officials across Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois to be on the look-out for Phillips and his vehicle.

According to Berglin he believes Ross Phillips will be appear friendly but confused to the general public. Because Phillips has been off his medication the Sheriff also believes that Phillips will be off balance and appear to be in need of help.

Ross Phillips is being described as a **white male, 5-feet, 4-inches tall, 160-pounds, gray hair and brown eyes who is 86 years old**. People who may have had contact with him are asked to recall if Phillips had made any comments recently about going anywhere. Others who may know him or the described vehicle's whereabouts are asked to contact their local law enforcement or the Richland County Sheriff's Department at 608-647-2106.