



Missing 22 year old female

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Lawler Lodge
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By Bob Sairs

The call came from Rob Gardner at about 9:30 p.m. Saturday evening. He informed me we had a mission for Alicia Dawn Clark, a 22 year old female. The girl left Lawler Lodge about 4:30 in the afternoon, and had not returned.

I changed clothes, put my equipment, etc. into the truck and left Indio, headed for Lawler Lodge by way of Banning and route 243, arriving about 11:30 p.m.

When I arrived, Walt and Kevin Walker along with Mary Bowman were in base camp. There were two search teams already in the field, consisting of Jim Fairchild with Bud White, and Henry Negrete with Ron Pierson.

Not long after I arrived, Joe Erickson came into base and Kevin assigned him as Ops Leader. Walt and Kevin, who were both fighting the "flu bug," headed for home and hearth.

Shortly after they left Mary Bowman decided to go into the lodge and call the subject's father. While she was doing so, I stayed in the van and stood radio watch. About 1:25 a.m. there was a tapping on the window of the van, and lo and behold a young lady was standing out there. She said, "I think I have been lost since late afternoon." My reply was, "Well you aren't anymore, but I'll bet you're cold, so let's go into the lodge and get warm." We did just that and I turned the young lady over to Mary Bowman's expert care.

I returned to the van and radioed the search teams to return to base. They did so. Walt and Kevin, who heard of the subject's return via their radio, also came back.

There was a critique of the mission that ended about 3:30 a.m. Everyone then headed for home. I arrived home about 5:00 a.m. pleased that I had a part in "finding" the young lady.

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