



## Urban Search Oceanside

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The call out alert came Monday night the 25th at approximately 2100 hours. We were to report in the morning for an “Urban Search” in Oceanside, California. From time to time RMRU will assist other counties when asked and are happy to help. Jerri Sanchez and I reported to the Oceanside Police Department at 0900 hours on the 26th and reported to the briefing.

Our missing subject was an elderly gentleman in his late 70’s who suffers from dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. At approximately 1830 hours on Saturday the 23rd the subject wandered from his home, without telling his family members. From the time he went missing to when we were called out, San Diego SAR teams were scouring the area.

At 0930 assignments were issued and members of DSAR, a San Diego Dog Team and Oceanside detectives joined RMRU and conducted two line searches in the neighboring canyons with zero success. Upon completion of our assignment we reported to the command center where we were thanked and released. Later that evening all SAR teams were called off with the Oceanside Police Department continuing the search.

On Thursday morning, April 28th, our subject was found deceased in a field near his home. RMRU extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of the decedent.

**RMRU Team members present:** Paul Caraher and Jeri Sanchez.

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