

NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 11-15472

The Portage Department of Public Safety is conducting a missing person investigation. John Paul Lofton, 38, of Fennville, was reported missing to the Michigan State Police Wayland Post on September 20 after not returning home from his job as a truck driver. Portage police located Lofton's semi-truck at a roadside parking area on US 131, just south of Centre Avenue, later that evening. Several of Lofton's personal belongings were located inside the semi-truck, as well as human blood. The immediate area adjacent to where the semi-truck was found is being searched, with assistance from the Michigan State Police and the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.



UPDATE:

At approximately 4:30 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety fielded calls from both a family member and a friend of Lofton's. Both individuals advised that Lofton had called them and advised that he was safe, but that he was traveling out of state due to frustrations stemming from work and his personal life. Lofton further advised them that the blood found in the truck came from an accidental injury.

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