



NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

On November 8, 2014, the body of Fred Garnish was found by hunters in a heavily wooded area of Oceana County. Garnish was located in his vehicle and had died from an apparent suicide.

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The Portage Department of Public Safety is asking the public for assistance in locating Fred Thomas Garnish, white male, 28 years of age (see attached photo). Mr. Garnish is currently listed as a missing, endangered subject who may be suicidal and recently failed to appear for a court hearing in Ottawa County regarding a sexual assault charge. There is an outstanding warrant for Garnish's arrest due to this. He has not been seen since Monday, October 20, 2014, when he was making suicidal statements.

Mr. Garnish left in his blue 2011 Hyundai Elantra, four-door, with Michigan plate DCK2989 (see attached photo of a similar vehicle). A tent is missing from his residence, and he has been described as a "survivalist-type," so he may be in an isolated area.

Mr. Garnish has resided in Ottawa County in the past and has contacts in the Muskegon County area as well.

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.

