

04-24-10, 6:00 p.m. Milwaukie Police Department Bob Jordan, Chief of Police Officer Ulli Neitch, PIO 503-545-3933 Case # 10-1612

Fisherman reported missing on the Willamette River, near the Milwaukie Jefferson Street Boat Ramp.

On 04-24-10 at about 0430 a.m. hours 57-year-old Dale Garland left his Portland home to go fishing on the Willamette River. Mr. Garland has fished every day for the last six days along the Willamette River. Mr. Garland parked his vehicle and boat trailer at the Milwaukie Jefferson Street Boat Ramp.

Mr. Garland and his fishing boat were seen at 0500 a.m. hours on the Lake Oswego side of the Willamette River. The boat was tied to a private dock.

At 0530 a.m. hours a friend drove his boat past that private dock and recognized Dale Garland's boat. Garland's fishing gear, other property, and his dog were in the boat. The friend did not see Mr. Garland.

About an hour later the same friend returned to the area and noticed Garland's boat was still tied to the private dock. His property and dog were still in the boat, but Mr. Garland was nowhere to be seen. The friend was concerned, so he notified Garland's family.

At 0958 a.m. hours the family reported to dispatch that Mr. Garland was missing. Milwaukie Police responded to the boat ramp and found Mr. Garland's vehicle and boat trailer. Clackamas County Sheriff's Marine Patrol, Dive Team, and Search and Rescue were notified. Those teams

responded to the scene. Mr. Garland's family members came to the scene to provide information to the search teams.

Law enforcement and Search and Rescue Teams began a thorough search underwater with the dive team, above water in boats, and on land. SAR Teams walked the riverbanks; checked forested areas along the river; and searched backyards and outbuildings of homes on the Lake Oswego side of the river.

Mr. Garland is listed as a missing person. He is described as 5'10" tall, weighing 210 pounds. He has brown hair, green eyes, and has a full, bushy beard.

The search was suspended at 5:30 p.m. (for the safety of the searchers), but will resume early tomorrow morning.

There is no evidence of foul play.

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