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81-year-old missing man found dead outside

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An 81-year-old man was found dead in White Lake Township Sunday, Jan. 25, after reportedly wandering away from his son's home.

White Lake Township police responded to a call of a missing person on the morning of Sunday, Jan. 25. According to White Lake Police Lt. Ed Harris, the man was reported missing from his son's home near Duckwood Court early that morning. The fear was that the elderly man suffers from Alzheimer's disease and had wandered off and become lost.

"Apparently, sometime during the night, he had wandered away just wearing regular clothes, no coat," Harris said. "When he was discovered missing, they called us right away and we started a search."

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit was used in the search, as were local K-9 units.

At around 11 a.m., the man was found dead on ice near Lake Neva, located near the intersection of Bogie Lake Road and Stonewood.

"That's only a few hundred yards away from the son's house where he was staying," Harris said. "It's just a tragedy."

A report from the county medical examiner was pending at press time Monday, Jan. 26.