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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 2, 2020) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue regretfully advise that the body of missing hunter Terry Jackson Copeland was located in a thicket of trees at approximately 10:00 a.m. Next of kin have been notified.

The cause of death is undetermined at this time and the investigation remains ongoing. No foul play is suspected.

They extend their appreciation for the efforts and assistance of the many other Departments and Agencies that participated in the search efforts.

## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 2, 2020) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue advise that the extensive search remains ongoing for the elderly missing hunter, Terry Jackson Copeland.

While they do appreciate the willingness and desire of the public to aid in the search, citizens showing up at the scene are actually hindering their efforts and it is respectfully requested that they refrain from responding to the area.

There are currently more than 60 fully trained search and rescue experts assisting in the ongoing ground search. Additionally, the Virginia Beach Police helicopter is responding to aid in a further aerial search, and Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue continue to utilize their drone fleet in search efforts.

The Hampton Roads Regional Mobile Communications Center bus is also on scene, as well as Suffolk Fire & Rescue's Rehab bus and multiple other emergency response vehicles.

Attached is a photo of Mr. Copeland.

## **SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR MISSING ELDERLY HUNTER**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 2, 2020) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue units are currently on the scene in the 3600 block of White Marsh Road searching for an elderly hunter that was reported missing after he failed to return home late last evening, Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday evening by a family member who advised that Terry Jackson Copeland, age 74, hadn't returned home from a routine hunting trip on his heavily forested 100-acre property that began at approximately 10:00 a.m. that morning. Mr. Copeland does have several underlying medical conditions.

Multiple Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue Search & Rescue Teams have been searching in the area on foot and in ATVs. There are numerous hunting tree stands on the vast property. Suffolk Fire & Rescue also contacted Nightingale, and the helicopter responded and conducted an aerial search of the property for approximately an hour earlier this morning.

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management has also been contacted and additional crews arrived at approximately 5:00 a.m. to aid in the search of the missing hunter.

The search remains ongoing at this time.

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