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## FLPD TEAMS UP WITH SAFETYNET TRACKING SYSTEMS

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department announced last year the capability to locate missing persons that suffer from any type of cognitive condition and may have the tendency to wander from the safety of their own homes. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is pleased to announce that transmitters are now available directly from the department for those community members susceptible to these conditions.

Working with SafetyNet Tracking Systems and with grant support from the United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department can now issue the client a bracelet that has a unique digital identification number registered directly with SafetyNet. When the individual is reported missing, Fort Lauderdale Police Officers respond to the last known location of the missing person and utilize digital receivers to tune into the frequency of the individual's bracelet and conduct a canvas search of the area.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has a one hundred percent success rate in locating individuals who participate in this program. Incorporating this nationwide program into our operations has proven to be a vital resource in locating members of our community and reuniting them with their loved ones.

Further information is available at <u>www.safetynettracking.com</u> or 877-4-FINDTHEM (434-6384).

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