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CCSO updates public on ongoing search for missing man in Awendaw

2026-010498

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, September 3, 2026

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will adjust search operations for Lawrence Thompson, 72, of Awendaw, starting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

Search efforts have been on-going in the area surrounding his residence and the waterways near his residence since the initial call for service. All of the identified search area has been canvased with attempts to contact and question (door knock) all residents for any reports of contact.

Overnight and headed into the Labor Day weekend, deputies will continue patrolling the area. We urge the public to check any outdoor structures, such as sheds, crawlspaces, trailers, or similar areas, on their property. Please also review footage from the doorbell or security cameras.

We remain committed to following up on any leads. If you see Lawrence Thompson or notice any unusual activity, call the Charleston County Sheriff's Office at 843-202-1700 or, after hours, Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch at 843-743 7200.

We deeply appreciate the dedication of all agencies involved in this week's extensive and coordinated search, including support from the Awendaw-McClellanville Fire Department, Charleston County Aviation Authority, Charleston County Emergency Management, Charleston County EMS, Charleston County Fire Department, City of Charleston Police Department, Low Country Incident Management Team, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, South Carolina Task Force 3, and the United States Federal Forestry Service.

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