



# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## LCSO and Community Partners Find Missing FSU Student

The Leon County Sheriff's Office, along with numerous community partners, located 19 year old Florida State University student Justin Dean Shields today.

LCSO located Shields' vehicle on Old Magnolia Road about a mile north of Rococo Road on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Since finding his vehicle LCSO has been in the area attempting to locate Shields with the help of the Florida State University Police Department, The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, The Jefferson Correctional Institute K9 team, Floyd County Georgia Sheriff's Office K9 team, Leon County EMS, First Response Search Team K9, The FSU Drone Team, Deep South Mud Riderz, Hilltop Country Store, Scent Evidence K9 teams, more than 80 FSU students and staff, an dozens of local residents.

Around 4PM a team including members of LCSO, FSUPD, and FWC were following a scent trail with dogs from Scent Evidence into a wooded area about a mile northwest of where Shields' vehicle was located. As the dogs tracked into the wooded area Shields was located and he began to speak to the team.

Shields was dehydrated and scratched up but in, otherwise, good health. He was transported to a local hospital via ambulance to check on his health.

Sheriff Walt McNeil says, "The community showed once again how we come together when one of our citizens needs help. We are proud to be 'All In' with Leon County and happy this has come to the best possible conclusion for Justin and his family."



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