



# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CORONER

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**Angie F. Rita - Coroner**

## **Press Release**

**02/01/2025**

Coroner Angie Rita was notified by Sheriff Josh Price on Friday morning, January 31st that the missing person the Sheriff's Office had been searching for had been located. Unfortunately, the outcome was not as hoped, Mr. James Breeden, age 81, of Saluda, was found dead in dense woods near Joshua Road (Saluda County). Mr. Breeden had been reported missing by his family on the evening of January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Sheriff's Office had been actively looking for Mr. Breeden since the report, using a variety of resources including ground search, K-9's and aerial drones.

Mr. Breeden's death is being investigated by the Coroner's Office, along with Saluda County Sheriff's Office. An autopsy has been scheduled as a part of the investigation.

The Coroner's Office is grateful for the partnership and assistance of the Sheriff's Office, Saluda County EMS and Saluda County Fire on scene. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Breeden's family.