Oil City man found safe and unharmed

Monday, February 6, 2023

On Monday, February 6, at 8:20 p.m., Caddo Sheriff's patrol deputies located Alfred Blankenship safe and unharmed. He was found in the wooded area behind the closed Oil City Elementary Magnet School.

Blankenship, 80, was last seen at his home around 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 4. Caddo patrol deputies organized a search and rescue plan, and with the use of a drone, equipped with night vision capabilities (FLIR), found him.

Blankenship walked out of the woods to deputies on his own. A North Caddo Medical Ambulance was called to the area and transported him to North Caddo Medical Center for evaluation.