



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: University of Delaware Offers \$10,000 Reward in Missing Person Investigation

The University of Delaware is offering a \$10,000 reward for locating [John Dohms](#), a retired UD professor who has been missing since Sept. 13.

Dohms, who suffers from dementia, did not return to his home in Newark as expected. Dohms was last seen walking northbound on Creek Road into White Clay Creek State Park around 3 p.m., Sept. 13. He was wearing a bright green button-down shirt, green socks, white tennis shoes and khaki shorts. He may have a set of binoculars in his possession and wears a Medic Alert bracelet on his left wrist.

Newark Police continue to investigate this incident as a missing persons investigation and do not suspect foul play in his disappearance. Police are seeking the public's assistance and encourage residents of northern Newark, Hockessin and southern Chester County, Pa., to check their sheds, outbuildings, cars, under decks or other places of shelter.

Dohms is known to frequent stores in and around Main Street, the Pomeroy Trail, city and state parkland off Paper Mill Road, and University facilities. He also frequents trails in and around White Clay Creek State Park.

The family has created a special [Facebook page](#), <https://www.facebook.com/HelpUsFindJohnDohms> to aid in the search.

Anyone with information about his whereabouts should call 911 immediately.

University of Delaware Police have supported the search efforts by Newark Police, and notices about the search have been issued to the University community. For comment on the University of Delaware's reward offer please contact the University of Delaware Office of Communications and Marketing at 302-831-NEWS (302-831-6397).

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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