



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** January 20, 2011  
**Date & Time Occurred:** January 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Submitted By:** Sgt. Spruill  
**Phone:** 707-449-5200  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Missing Person at Risk  
**Case Number:** 11-00419  
**Location:** Anaheim Resident  
**Suspects:** N/A

**\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\*\***

### **MISSING MAN LOCATED IN TEXAS**

On Friday, January 21, 2011, at approximately 12:50 p.m., the Vacaville Police Department was notified by the Hudspeth County Sheriffs Office in Texas that Jose Ruben Valdez, 57, was being detained by the U.S. Border Patrol, approximately 1½ hours east of El Paso, Texas. Valdez was driving toward Mexico when he drove to a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint and was detained.

The Vacaville Police Department had been working closely with the Anaheim Police Department and Sprint/Nextel Corporate Security using modern technology to locate Valdez. Valdez's movements were tracked and his information was entered into several data bases, including a license plate recognition system. Valdez's license plate was scanned as he approached the border checkpoint and the U.S. Border Patrol received a hit that Valdez was a missing person at risk. Valdez was detained and is reported to be in good health. Valdez will be released into the custody of the Hudspeth County Sheriffs Office.

Valdez's family is extremely happy that Valdez has been located and are actively working with the Hudspeth County Sheriffs Office to be reunited with their family member. The Vacaville Police Department would like to express their gratitude to the community and agencies who assisted with the efforts to successfully resolve this case.

### **VACAVILLE POLICE INVESTIGATING MISSING PERSON CASE**

Vacaville police are asking the public to help locate a man who has been missing since Wednesday.

Criminal activity can be reported at [www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police](http://www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police), or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP.7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



Jose Ruben Valdez, 57, left his Anaheim home on January 19 at around 10 a.m. to go to a relative's home in South Lake Tahoe. He never arrived and was reported missing Thursday, January 20, 2011. Since then Valdez has contacted family members several times using his cellular telephone telling relatives he was lost. He was last known to be driving a silver-colored 1995 GMC Jimmy, California License Plate #3PKY412.

Valdez's family members say he suffers from dementia and may get easily confused or lost. Valdez has spoken with family members and told them he was at several different unknown locations, including Vacaville.

Family members asked Valdez to give his cellular phone to someone who could tell them where he was. The family members have told police that an unknown person spoke to them on Valdez's cell phone and told them that Valdez was at a McDonald's in Vacaville around 11 p.m. Wednesday evening. Valdez has not been heard from since and has not answered his cell phone.

Valdez is described as a 57-year-old Hispanic male. He is approximately 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, with brownish/grey hair and brown eyes. It is unknown what he was wearing at the time of his disappearance.

The Vacaville Police Department has not discovered any evidence of foul play and Valdez is being considered a missing person at risk. If anyone has seen Jose Ruben Valdez or knows of his whereabouts, please call the Vacaville Police Department at (707) 449-5200.