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Missing Senior Citizen: LOCATED

Seal Beach, CA - On March 16, 2016, at 12:15 PM, the Seal Beach Police Department learned one of our missing senior citizen's named, Shirley Reimers, a 93 year old Leisure World resident, was located by a Good Samaritan in Tijuana, Mexico.

On March 16, 2016, at 8:18 AM, the Seal Beach Police Department was dispatched to a Leisure World residence, where a son hadn't heard from his 93-year-old mother in over 12 hours. Upon arrival, officers and investigators learned the son was supposed to be picked up by his mother, Ms. Reimers at the Long Beach Airport on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 8:00 PM; however, she never arrived.

After walking to her residence in Leisure World and searching for her throughout the night without success, the son contacted the Seal Beach Police Department. While officers and investigators were on scene, a Good Samaritan from Tijuana, Mexico called the Leisure World residence. The Good Samaritan stated she observed and spoke with a distraught lady, who stated her name was Shirley Reimers, walking on the side of the road in Tijuana, today at 9:00 AM. Due to Ms. Reimers appearing to be in distress, the Good Samaritan brought Ms. Reimers to her home for safety. Investigators were then able to use the Seal Beach Police Department's Facebook Video/Messenger Application to have visual contact with the Good Samaritan and Ms. Reimers.

Through an extensive collaboration of law enforcement partnerships, the Tijuana Police Department was then able to respond to the Tijuana, Mexico residence. While there, they ensured her safety and then drove Ms. Reimers to the United States/Mexico Border to meet with the United States Customs and Border Protection. Ms. Reimers was then transported by the California Highway Patrol to their San Diego Office, where Seal Beach Police Investigators were waiting for her arrival.

At 5:00 PM, Ms. Reimers was then reunited with her family in Leisure World and is resting happily at this time.

The Seal Beach Police Department would like to thank the following organizations for their generosity and large amount of time/assistance:

Tijuana, Mexico, Police Department

The United States Marshals

The United States Customs and Border Protection

The California Highway Patrol, San Diego Office

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