



CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS

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Granite Shoals, Texas, 78654

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NEWS RELEASE

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**SILVER ALERT – MISSING PERSON
IN THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, Texas**

GRANITE SHOALS, Texas. Granite Shoals Police Officers responded to a report of a missing person in the 2900 block of Valley East Ln. Officers met with the family of Elaine Banta, 68 year old white female, who was last seen at 4:30pm Tuesday the 23rd. Officers received the call at or about 5:48pm.

Sergeant Chris Decker interviewed the family to discover Banta was last seen walking around the residence in the yard. Banta had returned yesterday from Georgetown Behavioral Hospital where she had been diagnosed with Dementia. Banta also has a high blood pressure history. Family advised that Banta had not taken her medications today.

Banta was last seen walking north away from the residence. On scene investigation was able to determine that Banta walked north on Valley East Lane toward Valley View. Banta left her cell phone at the residence. Banta was last seen wearing an "Indian jacket" colored with red, blue, and green. She was wearing a blue shirt with a wolf and eagle on it, black pants, grey shoes, and a black bag containing a pink wallet. Banta is 5'4" in height, 120-125lbs, reddish-brown-grey hair, and blue eyes.

Sgt. Decker established command and along with Officer Ginnie Imrie, Sgt. Paul Chrane, and Chief Gary Boshears, the Granite Shoals Fire Department, Marble Falls Area EMS, Burnet County Sheriff's Office Deputies, Burnet County Constable Precinct 1 Leslie Ray, Burnet County Constable Precinct 4 Missy Bindseil, Burnet Police Department K9 Officer Mark Edwards and K9 "Kusso", and the Department of Public Safety DPS100 helicopter assisted in the initial search.

After an exhaustive two hour search of the area, DPS100 had no success from an aerial view, officers on foot, in vehicles, and units with night vision had no success, nor did K9 "Kusso" who could not establish a scent trail to follow.

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A missing person report was completed and due to Banta's age and associated medical history qualified DPS for a Statewide Silver Alert. At this time the whereabouts of Banta are unknown, but she is believed to be in the hill country area.

If you have any information about Banta's location or have seen Banta, please contact 911. Please keep Banta's family in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to attempt to locate her. The Granite Shoals Police Department has no reason to suspect foul play in her walking away from the residence.

**Please direct MEDIA QUESTIONS to Sgt. Chris Decker at
cmd.police@graniteshoals.org or directly to cell 830-385-6929.**

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