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The Silver Alert for a missing 73-year-old Burleson man was cancelled when he was found safe by a Comanche County deputy in Central Texas.

The Silver Alert was issued at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 17, two hours after Freddy Johnson, who is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's, was last seen in the 400 block of Rand Street in Burleson. The Burleson Police Department requested the Silver Alert via the Texas Department of Public Safety. The alert was cancelled shortly after 10:30 p.m. Tuesday after a Comanche County deputy discovered Johnson's pickup broken down on the side of the road. The deputy recognized Johnson from the Silver Alert. Johnson was reported to be in good condition. His family was notified and was en route last night to pick up Johnson.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) implemented the Silver Alert Network after Sept. 1, 2007. The network assists law enforcement in the recovery of missing senior citizens statewide. Silver Alerts resemble those issued for abducted children (Amber Alert).

Law enforcement agencies must meet all six criteria in order to request that DPS broadcast a Silver Alert on highway signs. That criteria includes: is the missing person 65 years of age or older; is the senior citizen's home in Texas; does the senior citizen have a diagnosed impaired mental condition and does the disappearance pose a credible threat to the senior citizen's health and safety (law enforcement needs documentation from a medical or mental health professional concerning the senior citizen's condition); it must be confirmed that an investigation has taken place verifying that the senior citizen's disappearance is due to his or her impaired mental condition; the Silver Alert request must be submitted within 72 hours of the senior citizen's disappearance; and there must be sufficient information to issue to the public that could assist in locating the senior citizen. Highway signs are activated if accurate vehicle information is available and it is confirmed that the senior citizen was driving a vehicle at the time of the disappearance.

In addition to the Silver Alert, the City used the City website, www.burlesontx.com, the City of Burleson Facebook page, City of Burleson Twitter page, and a news release to the media to rally residents statewide to locate the missing person.