



## **News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Search Intensifies For Missing Shelby County Man**



**Ted Aya-ay**

Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies intensified their search today for a Shelby man who has been missing for almost a month.

Thirty-five Sheriff's personnel, mostly volunteers with the department's Emergency Services Bureau, searched the river banks along interstate 40 in West Memphis near the Hernando-DeSoto Bridge for several hours. However, Ted Aya-Ay was not located.



Aya-Ay's vehicle was found abandoned on the bridge December 15<sup>th</sup> the day after relatives reported him missing. Sheriff's detectives examined his 1999 Nissan Sentra but found nothing that led them to believe any foul play was involved.

Aya-Ay, 58, left his southeast Shelby County home but did not show up at two jobs, one at Kroger and the other at Federal Express.

Relatives say Aya-Ay had never left home before without telling them where he was going.

Aya-Ay is from the Philippines and has skin pigment differences on his hands and face. He is 5'3 and weighs about 130 pounds.

Anyone with information about Ted Aya-Ay is asked to call Sergeant Faith Cunningham with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office General Investigation Bureau at **(901) 545-5600**.

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