BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MEDIA RELEASE

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On Monday March 22, 2010 at approximately 4:07 PM, the Butte County Sheriff's Department received a report of a 13 year old male with a developmental disability had disappeared from his residence on the 1900 block of 20th Street in Thermalito. The juvenile was described as appearing about seven or eight years old, possibly wearing an orange polo shirt.

Butte County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the location and confirmed that the juvenile was not hiding around the residence. Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue volunteers and CHP Officers responded to assist the Deputies and began a systematic search of the area from the juvenile's residence. During the course of the investigation it was discovered that the juvenile deliberately left the home. The County Watch system was activated, and residents in the area were called and alerted of the missing juvenile and his description.

Just before 6:00PM, observant citizens from Sierra Avenue and the 1300 of 12th Street in Thermalito called the Butte County Sheriff's Dispatch after receiving a County Watch call, to report that the juvenile had just been in a neighboring back yard. Butte County Sheriff's Deputies and Search and Rescue personnel responded to the area and found the juvenile hiding in a back yard. By 6:10 PM the juvenile had been located and was transported back to his family.

MEDIA NOTE: Due to the age of the missing person, no further identifying details will be released.