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Deputies Locate Missing 15-year-old with Autism in Town of Fenton

(TOWN OF FENTON, NY) A missing, nonverbal 15-year-old boy with autism was found by law enforcement and safely returned to his parents after wandering from home and apparently falling into a river in the Town of Fenton on Easter Sunday.

On April 9, 2023, New York State Police responded to a report of the missing child in the Town of Chenango. The child had been visiting family from the Syracuse area and had wandered off unnoticed. The report was broadcast to local law enforcement and Broome County Sheriff's deputies immediately responded.

Within 10 minutes of the bulletin, Broome County Sheriff's deputies located an individual matching the child's description on West Service Road in the Town of Fenton. The juvenile was soaking wet, cold and appeared to have fallen into the Chenango River. Sheriff's Deputies Tom Holden and Adam Bronson alerted Emergency Medical Services and kept the child warm and covered in a marked patrol car until EMS arrived.

The child was evaluated and found to not need further medical attention and was returned to his parents.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "I'd like to commend our Broome County Sheriff's Deputies for their immediate response and success in finding this missing child and returning him to his parents. A missing child is every parent's nightmare, let alone when that child has autism or other disabilities. Our team could not be prouder of our deputies for providing a local family with relief and a happy reunion on Easter Sunday."

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