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CCSO detectives locate missing man in James Island marsh

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Detectives with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) successfully located a 68-year-old missing man, Frederick Jerome Gadsden, in the marsh on James Island on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, nearly 48 hours after he was reported missing.

On Sunday, April 20, 2025, Gadsden's family reported him missing. Deputies acted quickly, taking note of his frequented locations. On Monday, April 21, 2025, the CCSO K-9 Unit was deployed around Sol Legare Road and in the Mosquito Beach community. K-9 Winnie was able to track Gadsden's scent to an area near the marsh off Sol Legare Road. On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, search efforts continued in the same area. Just before noon, Lieutenant Danielle Randolph noticed someone crawling out of the marsh behind an easement on McNeil Washington Road who resembled Gadsden. He confirmed his identity and was promptly treated by medical providers. No foul play is currently suspected.

Through the combined work of Lieutenant Danielle Randolph, Detective Michael Thompson, and the various units of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Gadsden was located safely and has been reunited with his family.

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