



## **WOMAN MISSING**

### **Search Called Off For Stone Phillips' Aunt**

Officials on Friday called off the search for Doris Phillips, aunt to Dateline NBC anchor Stone Phillips, after she disappeared from her North Texas home.

They made the decision after ramping up efforts to locate the woman earlier in the day.

Officials said, Doris Phillips, 81, was last seen Monday morning along U.S. Route 287 near Old Church Road between Waxahachie and Ennis and was last heard from on Tuesday.

Volunteers, police and fire personnel scoured acres of farmland surrounding Doris Phillips' home. They were on foot and horseback, and were also using all-terrain vehicles.

"At this point we don't have any leads at all. We're just going to break up into different groups and have the groups spread out to search the -- we've got some creek beds and a lot of, just, cotton fields," Ellis County Sheriff's Office Capt. Danny Williams said on Friday.

Williams said that the front door to the woman's home was left open and that her purse was missing.

Her son, John Phillips, said he suspected foul play because the woman does not does not suffer from Alzheimer's disease or any other form of dementia.

"Very out of character. Of course, you know, she's a very careful woman, takes good, reasonable safety precautions. And we didn't really have a concern about her," he said.

During the previous day's search, Williams said teams had searched day and night since Phillips was reported missing on Wednesday.

"We've had tracking dogs ... just following every lead that we get," Williams said.

As the search intensified Friday, searchers said they held out hope.

"We haven't given up, and I don't think law enforcement's given up. There's a lot of volunteers out here that are working very hard to find her," said Dana Ames of the search group United Response. "There's a lot of ground to cover out here."

Doris Phillips is described as being 5 feet tall, weighing 118 pounds, with brown eyes and gray hair.

She is wearing glasses and has brown spots on her forehead.

John Phillips said he had spoken to his cousin, Stone Phillips, since the disappearance. He said Stone Phillips assured him that many disappearance cases have happy outcomes.