

Saginaw man missing since April sought

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Saginaw police are trying to find a 36-year-old man who has not been seen since late April by family and co-workers.

William Leslie Trim Jr., also called "Billy," was last heard from on April 26, and family and co-workers are trying to make sense out of his disappearance. They all described him as a hard-working and dependable employee who was anything if not consistent in his daily routines.

His mother, Judy McMullen of Alvord, said he attended schools in Wise County, lived in Saginaw and worked as a janitor for about seven years at Texas Aviation Services at Fort Worth Meacham Airport.

McMullen said her son had been on medication for depression, but stopped taking it in late 2005. She said he promised to resume taking it, but she doesn't think he got around to doing that.

Meanwhile, McMullen said Trim spent the days leading to his disappearance apologizing to her, his co-workers, and old classmates, saying that he had let them down, but no one was quite sure what he meant. Then on April 26, Trim called his mother from a pay phone at a truck stop on Interstate 20 near Tyler.

"I said, 'Son, where are you going?' And he said, 'I don't know, mom. I was going crazy and I had to get out,'" McMullen said. "But he said he only had a quarter tank of gas and just a couple of dollars."

Trim also called Lisa Hall, vice president at Texas Aviation, who was his supervisor.

"I went through everything I could think to ask," Hall said. "I said 'Are you hurt? Has anyone hurt you?' He said, 'No, I'm fine. I just can't stand this down-and-out feeling I got.' I said 'Stay there and I will come and get you.'"

"It took me a couple hours to get there, and when I did, he wasn't there."

Police began a missing-person investigation on April 30, but they've been unable to find anyone who had contact with Trim in east Texas.

Trim's maroon 1994 four-door Oldsmobile was found May 20 in a convenience store parking lot off I-20 near Forney in Kaufman County, which is about 77 miles east from where he placed the phone calls near Tyler.

"The vehicle appeared to be abandoned," said Det. James Neale, who is investigating the case. "Here's a guy who is real dependable, real methodical, and then all of a sudden he ain't there no more."

"I'm uneasy about it."

Hall said everyone at Texas Aviation is quite fond of Trim, and they were worried when he didn't show up for work in April. She said many joined Trim's mother in looking for her son in East Texas and posting missing-person fliers along I-20.

"I think everybody took him under their wing," she said. "He came to work every day and he always gave eight good hours. He was out there in the cold weather and the hot weather, just trudging right along."

"Now everyone is just awestruck. I mean, where did he go? What happened to him? This is just not like him at all."

Trim has brown hair and brown eyes, stands about 6 feet tall, and weighs about 240 pounds. He was last seen wearing a blue Texas Aviation uniform shirt and navy blue cargo pants.

Anyone with information about him should call Saginaw Police at 817-232-0311.