

# Sheriff



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## **SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR MISSING TEEN**

A land, air, and water search is underway for a teenage boy who was last seen around 2 a.m. attempting to swim to shore from Spectre Island in Santa Rosa Sound off Hurlburt Field.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, U-S Coast Guard, Hurlburt Field Security Forces and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission are conducting a search for 16-year old Sam Klauss of Fort Walton Beach.

Investigators say Klauss was camping on Spectre Island with family and friends and decided he wanted to swim ashore and go home around 2 a.m. He was last seen wearing blue and white swim trunks and flip flops. Family members say he is a good swimmer but they have been unable to contact him.

The Sheriff's Office received a call around 6:19 a.m. and began coordinating efforts to locate the teen.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to please contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 860-651-7400.

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