



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE  
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Date: April 27, 2018  
Complaint Number: 18-120139  
Type of Incident: Missing Person  
Detective: Andy Hinds  
Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

\*\*\*UPDATE 04/28/2018\*\*\*

Due to the media coverage, the Kent County Sheriff's Office received a tip on the possible whereabouts of Dr. Scranton's vehicle in Montcalm County. The Montcalm County Sheriff's Office investigated the tip and located the vehicle in their jurisdiction. A short time later Dr. Scranton was located deceased a short distance from where the vehicle was located. No foul play is suspected at this time.

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Dr. Steven Edward Scranton was charged on 1/30/2018 with Criminal Sexual Conduct involving some of his patients. He bonded out and was awaiting trial.

On April 25, 2018, at 10:19 PM, Dr. Scranton left his home in Cannon Township in his vehicle and we believe he is suicidal. We used all traditional investigative techniques to locate him and have been unsuccessful, so we are now asking for the public's help. We do not believe he has the intent to harm anyone else, but he did leave his home with a rifle so we ask anyone that locates him or his vehicle to call their local police agency to investigate further.

Dr. Scranton is described as a W/M, 65 Years Old, 5'11", 195 Pounds, glasses, white hair (balding) and hazel eyes. He was last seen wearing a gray Northface Jacket, and jeans. He was driving a gray 2015 Dodge Ram Longhorn, Four-Door Extended Cab, MI Plate #DHM5056.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-632-6357 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.