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Missing pet macaw “Freddie Mercury” found safe in Westtown Township

On Saturday, January 28 2017 at 4:18 PM members of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department responded to a home in the 500 block of West Pleasant Grove Road in Westtown Township, Chester County for an injured exotic bird in a tree on the property.

When Officers arrived on scene the property owner reported that the bird relocated from a tree to the roof of the home. Officers sought assistance from a local specialist in exotic animals who responded to assist. Police also received assistance from the West Chester Fire Department. Several attempts to rescue the bird failed and Officers on scene took photographs of the bird and these photographs were posted to the Westtown-East Goshen Police Association social media page seeking owner information.

A short time later police received a call from the Assistant News Director with WDEL News in Wilmington, Delaware and she related that the bird had been missing for nine days from the Wilmington area and attempts there to rescue the bird over the past week were not successful. WDEL Officials assisted Officers with making contact with the owner of the missing bird. The owner confirmed that the photos taken of the bird in Westtown was his missing macaw. The owner responded and worked with Officers to recover the bird and these attempts also failed. A plan was created for the owner to return before sunrise to retrieve “Freddie”.

On Sunday, January 29 2017 at 8:00 AM Sergeant Wassell with the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department returned to the 500 block of West Pleasant Grove Road to follow-up and contact was made with the owner of the bird along with the Thornbury Township residence that was originally contacted to assist police. Sergeant Wassell learned that the bird had just been recovered safely and that “Freddie” would be transported to a Vet to be checked.

The police department would like to thank everyone that called and responded to the social media post to connect the police department with the owner of the missing bird. This distance between the owner’s residence in Wilmington and the location recovered in Westtown Township is 9.9 miles.

William Cahill
Detective/Lieutenant

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