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**LIFE- SAVING “SILVER ALERT” SUCCESSFUL AGAIN
IN LOCATING MISSING SENIOR**

Legislator Stern Continues to Protect our Seniors and those with Special Needs

Huntington, NY- Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th L.D., Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, is pleased to announce that his first-in-New-York-State “Silver Alert” program has once again been instrumental in locating a senior citizen who wandered from home.

Voldan Chung, 72, who suffers from dementia, was reported missing from her sister-in-law’s home in Commack. She was found after police issued a Silver Alert. Similar to an “Amber Alert,” which is declared when a child is abducted, a “Silver Alert” is issued when a person with a cognitive disorder is reported missing.

Last year, the program was expanded by the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) to include those with special needs, such as autism, developmental disabilities and severe mental illness. Parents, guardians, relatives and other caregivers can now register with the Police Department to assist in the safe return of those persons with cognitive disorders and/or special needs, should they become lost or wander away.

“I urge family members of seniors with cognitive disorders, such as Alzheimer’s Disease and parents and caregivers of children with special needs to register for the “Silver” and “Special Needs” Alert Programs,” Legislator Stern said. “These programs continue to provide a valuable resource for law enforcement and for our community to aid in the safe return of our loved ones and provide peace of mind to the families who care for them.”

To register, please visit the SCPD website @ www.suffolkpd.org and click on the Amber/Silver Alert icon on the homepage or by calling (631) 852-6983.