## Family appeal to trace missing Matthew Elmer

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The family of a Livingston man who went missing exactly one week ago have today issued an appeal for information.

Matthew Elmer was last seen in Poplar Grove at around 6pm on Saturday, February 13th.

Since then the 23-year-old has not been in touch with friends or family and police are growing increasingly concerned for his welfare.

In a statement issued through Police Scotland Matthew's family said: "We're overwhelmed by the support shown by the local and wider community and are extremely grateful to everyone who has offered to help find Matthew.

"This has been a desperately difficult time for all of us and we want to find him as quickly as possible.

"We ask anyone who has information that might assist police with their ongoing search effort to please make contact immediately.

"Likewise, Matthew, if you're reading this then we want to let know that you are not in trouble in any way but please let us know that you're okay."

Matthew is described as white with blue eyes and dark brown hair, which is short at the sides and sometimes styled on top. He is 5ft 8 inches tall of slim build. When last seen he was wearing a black jacket, black jogging trousers and white canvas laced up trainers. He also has black studs in both ears. Inspector Myles Marshall from Livingston Police Station said: "Our search for Matthew continues however we are growing increasingly concerned for his welfare as more time passes.

"Anyone who has seen Matthew or has information relevant to our inquiries is asked to contact police immediately and can even do so anonymously should they wish.

"I also appeal to Matthew directly to contact us or a family member to let us know you are safe."

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101 or speak to any officer.