

Father wants political backing in search for missing son

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NAPLES - An East Naples man returned from Mexico after searching for his missing son. Now, he says he still needs answers.

Donn Pinkney Sr. says he last heard from his son Donn Pinkney Jr. in February. He was cruising the waters of western Mexico on his sailboat.

His father tells us Pinkney Jr. was traveling off the coast of a heavy drug trafficking area from Manzanillo, near Puerto Vallarta, on his 27-foot Catalina sailboat bound for Zihuatanejo.

His boat was found five days later 60 miles north of Zihuatanejo on a beach - looted.

"He fell of the boat, he was possibly robbed and more or he was kidnapped," he said.

In his first interview since he's returned home, Pinkney Sr. says his last hope is getting help from our local leaders in Washington.

He's emailed Florida's U.S. Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson, as well as Congressman Connie Mack, with the hope that someone will step up.

"This is going to have to get a little more push behind then I am able to do," Pinkney said.

His response so far from them has only been an automated message.



Letter from Senator Nelson to U.S. Embassy in Mexico

"I find it almost incredible that I can't get any of these people who supposedly represent me in Washington and can't seem to get an ounce of help out of anyone," Pinkney said. "I do believe if I were to have any closure, any understanding as to what happened to my son, it's going to have to come from the State Department on to them."

We reached out to Nelson, Rubio and Mack for comment on their efforts to help Pinkney Sr.

Spokesmen from all of their offices say they are looking into the issue and will get back to us.



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