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Two are missing in Saitama

URAWA, Saitama Pref. (Kyodo) Two dog owners of Gyoda, Saitama Prefecture, have been missing since last year, Saitama Prefectural Police reported Saturday.

Police said they could not find any connection between the disappearance of the two and Yoshinori Ueda, an unlicensed dog trainer who has been in police custody on suspicion of killing five people.

Missing are a 39-year-old business and a 54-year-old housewife. The two did not know each other, police said. The names of both people are being withheld by police.

The businessman disappeared April 20 after leaving

his office in Gyoda by car.

His family asked local police to start a search, and his car was later found in a basement parking lot at Tokyo Station's Yaesu exit.

According to the police investigation, the missing man told his friend that he was going to meet somebody just before he disappeared.

The housewife disappeared after leaving her house to do some shopping on Aug. 26, police said.

Her family also asked the local police to investigate.

Police said the housewife withdrew ¥2.7 million from a bank account just before her disappearance.