Dutch TV Host Claimed Missing in Thailand Left Country in Late 2025, Say Thai Officials

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Thailand –
Thai Immigration authorities have confirmed that a 70-year-old Dutch television presenter r

eported missing in Thailand actually departed the kingdom at the end of 2025 and has not returned.
The case drew attention after social media posts circulated about a missing-person appeal from the Netherlands. Family members and relatives based in Phuket said Emil, a well-known Dutch TV host, had disappeared while in Thailand. They pointed to a close friend named Natalia, with whom they believed he had been staying, an

d offered a €2,500 reward for information leading to his whereabouts.
On the 24th of October 2026, Police Major General Choengron Rimphadee, Deputy Commander of the Immigration Bureau and the bureau's spokesman, said Police Lieutenant General Noppasin Phoonsawat, Commander of the Immigration Bureau, had immediately ordered all immigration divisions nationwide to check records and locate Emil.