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Detectives Apprehend Escaped Patient from Emergency-Detention Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division

Milwaukee, WI – On Friday, July 26, at about 10:45 a.m., the Sheriff's Office Communications Division was notified by the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (BHD) that an inpatient from the secured unit had walked away. The 22-year-old female patient had been admitted under Emergency Detention on July 19 and was being held until her court date.

A staff member was assigned to escort her to a classroom for outpatient therapy in an unsecured area at BHD. The patient asked for a cup of coffee from a vending machine, and a doctor escorted her to a vending machine and left her there unsupervised, giving her the ability to flee.

The Criminal Investigation Division detectives began a search for the woman throughout the County Grounds with negative results. The patient's information was entered into a missing/endangered person's database, and detectives checked numerous addresses linked to the missing woman. Detectives apprehended her at 3:13 p.m.

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