



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: September 12, 2019

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 7:30 a.m.

CASE NUMBER: PPPD19OFF054381

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Endangered Missing Person; Escaped Prisoner

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: September 11, 2019

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: South Florida State Hospital; 800 E Cypress Drive, Pembroke Pines, FL

MISSING PERSON(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

- 1) John Ireland; 33 years old; DOB 05/13/1986; White Hispanic Male

VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

****UPDATE – September 12, 2019, 7:30AM****

John Ireland was safely taken into custody in Oakland Park by members of the Broward Sheriff’s Office, after a citizen recognized his image from the news and contacted police.

Our agency will charge him with the escape from South Florida State Hospital, and will transport him to BSO Main Jail for detention.

Thank you to our community and news media partners for assisting us in locating this individual.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to tips@ppines.com, or call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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On September 11, 2019 at approximately 6:45PM the Pembroke Pines Police Department responded to South Florida State Hospital (800 E Cypress Drive) regarding an escaped prisoner/patient.

Investigation revealed that 33-year-old John Ireland, a court-ordered patient of the hospital, had escaped the facility at approximately 4PM by climbing over an exterior fence. John Ireland is described as a white Hispanic male, with brown hair and brown eyes, facial hair, 6'5" in height, 200lbs, with multiple facial tattoos. John Ireland is diagnosed with schizophrenia, and has a history of violent behavior. He was last seen traveling on foot, and wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and black pants.

Officers conducted an extensive search in the surrounding areas, including K-9 and BSO Aviation Units, but due to the time delay the subject could not be located.

At this time it is unknown if John Ireland is in possession of any weapons. Anyone who comes into contact with him should NOT approach, and should contact 911 immediately. Additional patrols of the area have been added in order to ensure the safety of our residents.



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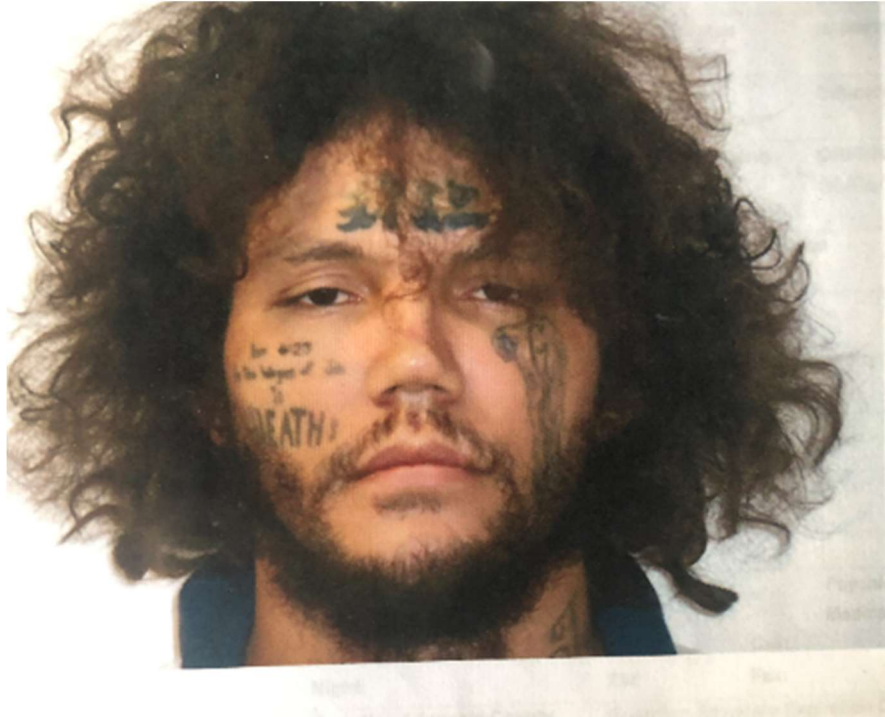


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