

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

**Catonsville, MD 21228**

**NOTIFICATION OF ELOPEMENT OR ESCAPE**

This form is for reporting the unauthorized absences of patients, both civil and criminally committed (forensic). This is NOT a routine form. Its accurate and swift completing is of utmost interest to the Secretary. Complete questions 1 – 12 for **ALL** patients. In addition, for forensic patients, complete questions 13 – 18. Upon completion of this form, immediately email copies to:

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**If forensic patient, also send to:**

 Michele Fleming at michele.fleming@maryland.gov; and

 Richard Ortega at richard.ortega@maryland.gov.

1. Reporting Facility: Select One Unit:       Date:

2. Name of Patient:       Date of Birth:

3. Date & time of elopement or escape:       @       Select One

4. Circumstances of elopement or escape *(how the patient exited the building, whether or not patient had grounds privileges, how escorted. Use additional pages if necessary)*:

5. Current admission status:

[ ] Certificates (Involuntary)

[ ] Voluntary – Adult

 [ ] Voluntary – Minor

 [ ] Also on Detainer

 [ ] NCR

 [ ] NCR on Hospital Warrant

 [ ]  Pretrial evaluation

 [ ] Adjudicated incompetent to stand trial under CP §3-106

 [ ] Admitted from jail or prison on certificates

 [ ] Juvenile court commitment

 [ ] Conditional release order, pending placement

 [ ] Voluntary return from conditional release

6. Date of admission:

**7.** Diagnoses. List all medical/psychiatric diagnoses known to be current during the 30

 days prior to escape or elopement (**DO NOT USE CODES!**)

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8. Time-critical medication(s) or treatment(s):

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| **MEDICATION/TREATMENT** | **DOSE** | **FREQUENCY** |
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9.Does the patient present an imminent danger to self or others as a result of a mental disorder?

 [ ] No

 [ ] Yes – Was an emergency petition initiated? [ ] Yes [ ] No

10. Were police notified of the elopement/escape?

 [ ] Hospital police [ ] Local police [ ]  State police

 [ ] No police were notified (please explain):

11. Was patient’s family/guardian notified?

[ ]  No [ ]  Yes [ ]  No known relatives or guardian

12. Media involvement:

 [ ] Media presently covering case;

 [ ] Has significant potential for media involvement because of victim, previous media

 coverage or VIP status; or

 [ ] No media involvement.

**FORENSIC PATIENTS ONLY**

13. Committing Court: [ ]  District [ ]  Circuit County: Select One

14. Sending Detention Center (if applicable):       [ ]  N/A

15. Patient charged with the following offense(s):       [ ]  N/A

16. If patient was committed by the court, has he or she been charged with escape under

Criminal Law Article §§9-404 or 9-405, Annotated Code of Maryland?

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No – please explain:

17. If a crime victim has requested notice in writing, has said victim been notified as required by

 Criminal Procedure Article, §3-123(d)(7), Annotated Code of Maryland?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No – please explain:

18. Is the patient a sex offender?

 [ ]  Yes – Registered? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Unknown

 [ ]  No

 [ ]  Unknown

**Required Notifications in the Event of Escape:**

* The detention center where the person on pre-trial commitment resided prior to admission;
* The Office of the State’s Attorney;
* The criminal court which committed the patient to DHMH;
* Defense counsel of record; and
* Police in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred (*may be different than police identified in Question 10*).

**Required Notifications for Escape of Sex Offenders** *(in addition to notifications above)* (*lists should be obtained beforehand for each sex offender patient*):

* Person(s) indicated by the State’s Attorney;
* Witness(es) who testified against defendant in the present case and who have requested notification in writing or who have requested a copy of the offender’s registration statement;
* Any victim, victim’s representative, or guardian of a minor victim who has requested notification in writing, or who has requested a copy of the offender’s registration statement; and
* Local police where registrant resided at the time of the offense.

Name and title of person completing form:

Telephone:       Ext:       E-mail:       @       Date:

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