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AUTISTIC CHILD LOCATED

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On July 8th, 2011, at approximately 12:07 P.M., a Fort Lauderdale Police Officer at the Broward General Medical Center was notified by hospital staff that a child had been dropped off at the hospital unattended.

The child has been described as a W/M, 4' 00" tall, weighing approximately 68 pounds. The child was wearing a white t-shirt with the wording "Chill Out." The child was also wearing blue sweat pants with the word "Villanova" inscribed on the leggings and was found in possession of a blue "Under Armor" backpack.

Investigators believe that the child is 8 to 10 years old and possibly suffers from Autism. Investigators also believe that the child may be named "Ben," but cannot confirm his identity. The child does not appear to have sustained any injuries and is apparently in good health.

Detectives believe that a white male, in his 30s, dropped the child off at Broward General Medical Center and left in a light colored mini-van. The circumstances as to why the child was left at the hospital are still under investigation. The child is currently in the care of the Department of Children and Families.

Detectives are seeking the help of the public in identifying the child as well as locating the child's parents or legal guardians. If anyone has any information on the identity of the child or his parents, please immediately contact Fort Lauderdale Detectives Cahir or Brittenum at 954-828-5700.



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