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**Updated, 6:40 am, June 19th, 2019**
*Jerry Stewart Taken into Custody*
Registered Sex Offender AWOL from ND State Hospital

NARRATIVE:

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Jerry Roy Stewart was taken into custody by the ND Highway Patrol at approximately 6:36 am on Hwy. 281 approximately 13 miles south of Jamestown. Several motorists reported a male walking southbound on Hwy. 281. A trooper responded, located Stewart and took him into custody without incident.

Jerry Roy Stewart, DOB 04/17/1989, left his unit at the ND State Hospital in Jamestown on June 18th, 2019 at approximately 7:45 pm on an authorized 15-minute pass to take a walk on the ND State Hospital grounds. He failed to return to his unit after he leaving at 7:45 pm and Stewart is now considered AWOL (absent without leave) from the ND State Hospital. Stewart was civilly committed to the ND State Hospital for chemical dependency issues. He is a registered sex offender, with his registry showing he has violent tendencies. Stewart has lengthy criminal history to include assault. He is currently on probation with ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Stewart is not in compliance with his sex offender registry and probation conditions.

Stewart has connections to Stutsman, Barnes, Cass and Rolette Counties, along with the cities of Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown, Bismarck and Moorhead, MN. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a black hoodie. He currently has a beard. Stewart has the letters ‘G’ and ‘R’ tattooed on the right side of his neck. It is unknown which direction he walked away from the ND State Hospital campus. If the public locates Stewart, we are asking that they not approach him. They should call 911 to provide information to their local law enforcement agency or they can call ND State Radio at 1-800-472-2121 and local law enforcement resources will be dispatched.

Below are pictures of Stewart. At the bottom of each picture is the date the photograph was taken.
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