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## ***Patient Who Absconded from CCUSO Program Is Apprehended U.S. Marshals Service Locates Individual in Oklahoma***

(Cherokee, Iowa) – A 42-year-old man who absconded from a sex offender transition release program in Iowa last weekend has been arrested in Oklahoma.

Cory West was apprehended by the U.S. Marshals Service about 10 p.m. Thursday night at a motel in Tulsa, Okla. Law enforcement began the search for West early Sunday after he failed to report back from his place of employment to the Civil Commitment Unit for Sex Offenders (CCUSO) located at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute in Cherokee, Iowa.

“We appreciate the swift response and hard work of local, state and federal law enforcement,” said Bradley Wittrock, acting superintendent of the CCUSO program.

West was ordered by the Wapello County Court to the CCUSO program in 2011, and became eligible for the transition release program in the fall of 2013 as authorized by the courts.

The CCUSO unit provides long-term treatment for sex offenders who have served their prison terms, but in a separate civil trial have been found likely to commit further offenses and are ordered to CCUSO for treatment. The program has an average of 100 patients, and the court reviews each individual’s progress annually to determine if the commitment will continue. All patients are male and the average age in SFY14 was 50.

West, who was arrested Thursday on escape charges from Cherokee County and a civil commitment pick-up order from Wapello County, will remain in custody in Oklahoma pending extradition to Iowa. Law enforcement involved in locating West included the Storm Lake Police Department, Cherokee Police Department, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and the U.S. Marshals Service.

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