

2 Lost Women Found At Bellevue by Cop

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The early hours of 1975 brought relief and rejoicing to Willowbrook staff members and police who had been searching since Monday morning for two severely retarded women residents who were lost in Manhattan.

The two, Katherine A. Beatty, 51, and Antoinette Bittel, 55, had been admitted to Bellevue Hospital Tuesday afternoon, although they had no identification. Willowbrook personnel traced them both after receiving a phone call from off-duty Police Officer Patricia Harris of the E. 21st St. station, who said she was "99% sure" she had seen one of the women at Bellevue.

Recognizes Photo

Officer Harris had seen newspaper and television descriptions of the two women and thought

she recognized Miss Beatty's photo.

Both women are reported to be in excellent condition. They were returned to Willowbrook.

The two women, who have IQ's of below 15 and were described by a Willowbrook spokesman as "non-verbal and unable to respond to anything but their last names," had been at Madison Square Garden to see a film when they were separated from their group of nine by a crowd surging through the Garden lobby.