

Cousin finds lost Islander in Manhattan

A frantic three-day search ended happily last night when a 27-year-old Mariners Harbor man who wandered away from a group of developmentally disabled adults Sunday afternoon was found by a cousin in lower Manhattan.

The man, Edmund Missall, disappeared after attending a Harlem Globetrotters basketball game in Madison Square Garden with 15 clients and four staff members from the Volunteers of America Care Facility, a group home at 35 Holland Ave., where he had been living, according to Beatrice Victor, the administrator.

Mrs. Victor said that after arriving home last night about 6:40 p.m., she received a telephone call from a man who said he might have seen Missall on Seventh Ave. South. The caller did not identify himself.

Mrs. Victor then called police and Missall's parents, who sent a relative to look for their missing son.

According to the man's father, George Missall, Edmund was found on Seventh Ave. South, below 14th St., at about 11 p.m. by Michael T. Curry, a cousin. Curry was helped in the search

by a friend, Robert Maclean. Both men live in Sussex, N.J.

"We are so grateful," said Mrs. Victor. "I would love to be able to thank the man who called. He must have been a Staten Island resident who saw Edmund on his way home."

Edmund, described by Mrs. Victor as developmentally disabled, is able to comprehend language, but his speech is difficult to follow.

During his three-day ordeal, Missall was robbed of his wallet, his special identification and \$10 he had when he wandered from the group. But, according to the man's father, the owner of a Burger King restaurant near the garden played the role of a good Samaritan and gave Edmund something to eat early Monday morning.

When Missall was brought home this morning at 1 a.m., he "seemed OK," his father said. "He looks pretty good. He's a little dirty and was hungry when they found him, but everything appears to be all right."

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