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## **ARMED PRISONER CAPTURED AFTER ESCAPE FROM VIRGINIA HOSPITAL**

### **APPREHENDED AFTER 8 HOUR MANHUNT**

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**USPA NEWS** - After a nearly eight-hour manhunt, a prisoner who overpowered a guard and took her weapon at a northern Virginia hospital Tuesday before fleeing in a stolen vehicle has been captured.

Metropolitan Police Department Chief Cathy Lanier said Wossen Assaye, who escaped from INOVA Fairfax Hospital early Tuesday morning, stole two cars in Virginia before he was caught getting off of a Metrobus at Pennsylvania and Minnesota avenues in southeast D.C.

Fairfax County Police, U.S. Marshals, the FBI and Virginia State Police were all searching for Assaye, who was in the custody of a private security guard when he escaped from INOVA Fairfax Hospital armed with the security officer's gun.

Police located a stolen car that Assaye carjacked earlier Tuesday morning and said Assaye stole another vehicle, a 2008 gray or silver Hyundai Elantra with Virginia license plate.

Fairfax County Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler said an "alert community member" identified Assaye and called the Metropolitan Police Department.

Police have confirmed that one shot was fired after Assaye overpowered a female guard and took a gun. No one was injured in the shooting.

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