



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: August 27, 2012  
Case No. 12-14595

The Portage Department of Public Safety is investigating a reported missing person who is a walk-away from an adult foster care facility in the 9800 block of Oakland Drive. On August 27, 2012 at 3:15 p.m., adult foster care resident Bonnie Merckley was discovered missing from her residential facility. After a search of the facility and grounds, the Portage Department of Public Safety was notified at 3:51 p.m. A search of the surrounding area was initiated with the assistance of the Michigan State Police K9 Team.

Ms. Merckley suffers from a traumatic brain injury and is in need of medication. She can communicate, but will become confused and agitated under stress or without her medication. She cannot take care of her basic needs and is considered missing/ endangered. It is possible she may have asked for a ride to the Marcellus, Michigan area. If anyone has been in contact with her, please contact the Portage Department of Public Safety or your local law enforcement agency.

**Missing Person Information:**

Bonnie Merckley, white female, 4'11", 175 lbs., blond/gray hair to middle of back, D.O.B. 9/30/1957, wearing blue jeans, a black-and-white horizontal striped shirt, possibly a leopard-skin sweater, and carrying a leopard-skin purse. Considered missing/endangered due to a prior closed head injury.



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