

# Family seeks public's help locating missing New Bedford woman

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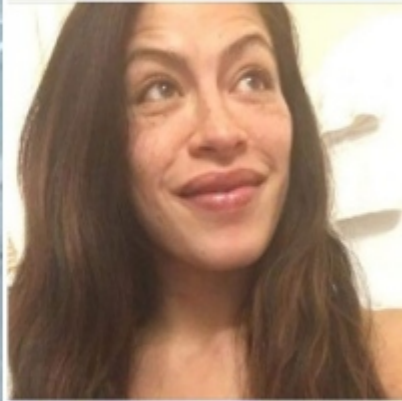
- Missing since 12/9/2021 around 2 in the morning: MariaJose Quiroz
- 4'11 ft it height
- Last seen at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, MA
- Mexican of Mestiza decent
- Brown skin with freckles
- Brown eyes
- May dye or highlight her hair
- Notes: scars on right arm from car accident and scars on arms from self harm.

She may go by Maria, Mary, Mary-Joseph, MJ or Pepina to avoid being recognized since she escaped care from the state. If encountered she may be under the influence or experiencing an episode from her mental health issues.

My sister has been missing for almost a week now after she was taken into the care of the state and escaped St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. She homeless, suffers from addiction and mental health issues. My mother has filed a missing person's with New Bedford Police Department.

The family believes that since she left the hospital with only clothing offered there she may have asked a stranger for a ride, use their phone, or help to go towards Cambridge-Somerville.

If anyone has seen her please call the New Bedford Police Department at (508) 991-6300. Thank you.”



*Stefan Fischer photo.*