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MEDIA ADVISORY: Jail Escapee Sought

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help in locating 50 year old jail inmate, Mariano Montellano.

On 4-3-07 at approximately 12:45 pm, Montellano was working in the Lost Lake County Park area as part of an inmate work crew. At approximately 1:00 pm, as the inmates were being loaded onto the van to be transported back to the jail, Montellano was nowhere to be found.

Patrol deputies responded to the scene and a search of the park was started. Montellano was not located but investigation revealed that he was last seen by a citizen, hiding near the south end of the park.

Montellano had been in custody on drug related charges. He is described as a Hispanic male adult, 5'-6"/190 lbs, with short black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a dark blue jail jumpsuit and brown boots. Montellano's last known address is in the Mendota area.

Anyone with information on this case, is asked to contact the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111. If you see Montellano, please do not contact him, but immediately contact the Sheriff's Department.