Police warn public not to approach missing absconder

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Police Scotland is warning the public not to approach a missing man who absconded from Midpark in Dumfries yesterday due to uncertainty over his reaction.

The has been named as 30 year old Abdul Nabi who was a patient in the hospital.

Mr Nabi is described as being black, of Asian appearance, with short dark curly hair, about 5'7" tall, of skinny build and when last seen he was wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans and trainers.

Inspector Rory Caldow of Police Scotland said "we have been carrying our a large scale search for the man since he was reported missing just after 1230 hours today.

We did have early concerns that he may have been in possession of a knife however we understand that this is not now the case. Mr Nabi is a vulnerable missing man and our concern for the safety of the public centres around the uncertainty of his reaction should he be approached.

We ask the public to be vigilant and report any sightings, without making an approach to him, on the 999 emergency number.