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A resident at the Providence Nursing & Rehab Center on the 400 block of Bellevue Avenue went missing. The center would not confirm or deny the man's alleged disappearance.

Where is the senior citizen?

Source: Patient didn't return from A.C. trip

TRENTON — A Trenton nursing home resident was left behind in Atlantic City following a weekend field trip to the resort town, an inside source told *The Trentonian* yesterday.

The Providence Nursing & Rehab Center on the 400 block of Bellevue Avenue sent a group of 13 to 15 of its residents on the outing to the casino community Saturday afternoon, but one man was missing when the group returned to Trenton later that day, the source alleged.

"They're trying to keep this quiet," the source said of the nursing home. "If they did the staffing right, this would have been avoided."

The Providence nursing home yesterday refused to comment on the allegations.

"You need to call the administration tomorrow," a Providence official told *The Trentonian* last night on the telephone.

A Trentonian reporter visited the nursing home earlier in the day. A Providence worker said she wasn't authorized to comment but would tell her supervisor to

call the newspaper. The supervisor never called. The nursing home didn't confirm or deny the allegations.

The missing man was described to us as a Hispanic male, in his 50s or 60s, about 5-foot-8, with black hair, a humped back and a Providence badge on his arm. The source didn't know the man's full name but said the man takes "psychotic" medications.

The group of nursing home residents departed from Trenton Saturday about 1 p.m. via a "senior citizen bus." There were two "activities aides" who were in charge of monitoring the residents during the trip, according to our source, who said that number proved to be insufficient.

The senior citizen bus returned to Trenton Saturday evening, and nursing home workers since then have been scrambling through Atlantic City in an attempt to find the man, according to our source.

The Trentonian yesterday afternoon relayed the report to Atlantic City police, but the cops there couldn't verify if a Trenton nursing home man was reported missing.

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